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Marriages.

BLIGH—DAY.—October 4, at Christ Church, North Sydney, by the Rev. A. Yarnold, William Milson, second son of H. H. Bligh, Trelawney, Fitzroy-street, N. S., to Lillian Mabel, second daughter of A. A. Day, The Observatory, William-street, N. S.

HOLMES—GOLDSMITH.—October 7, at St. Philip's, Sydney, by the Rev. Archdeacon Langley, Peter George Holmes to Cathrena Florence, eldest daughter of Chas. Goldsmith, Sydney. New Zealand papers please copy.

Deaths.

ALEXANDER.—October 26, 1898, at the residence of his parents, 55 Regent-street, Paddington, Emanuel Abraham, the eldest beloved son of Willy and Bertha Alexander, aged 25.

BARTON.—October 26, at her residence, Burfield, Moorhead-street, Redfern, Matilda, relict of the late Robert Barton, aged 78 years.

HIRST.—October 27, Walter Hirst, Genalla House, Enmore-road, Marrickville.

KLAUSE.—October 27, at his residence, 86 Walker-street, Redfern, Charles R. Klause, late of the Government Printing Office, aged 27 years and 10 months.

MOORE.—October 27, at Teralba, Lincoln-street, Stanmore, John Walsh, infant son of Louis J. and Maggie Moore, aged 4½ months.

ROGERS.—October 27, 1898, at his residence, White Horse Hotel, 21 King-street, Newtown, Edmund Rogers, aged 57 years.

In Memoriam.

LEVI.—In sad but loving remembrance of our dear mother, Jane Levi, who departed this life October 28, 1897, aged 57, leaving four loving sons to mourn their irreparable loss. Leaves may wither, but memory never. Inserted by her loving sons, Herman, Sidney, Alexander, and Cecil Levi.

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Oceana	6603	E. Stewart	Nov. 5	Nov. 9	Nov. 10
Victoria	6527	E. Crowe	Nov. 19	Nov. 23	Nov. 24
India	8000	W. D. G. Worcester	Dec. 3	Dec. 6	Dec. 8
Australia	6901	I. Reeves	Dec. 17	Dec. 20	Dec. 22
Arcadia	6603	A. C. Loggin	Dec. 31	Jan. 3	Jan. 5
Rome	5545	J. Cowie	Jan. 14	Jan. 17	Jan. 19
Himalaya	6898	W. L. Broun	Jan. 28	Jan. 31	Feb. 2

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Ville de la Ciotat	Pinachi	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 4
Polynesien	Boulard	Nov. 28	Nov. 30	Dec. 2
Armand Behic	Poydenot	Dec. 26	Dec. 28	Dec. 30.
		1899.	1899.	1899.
Australien	Verron	Jan. 23	Jan. 25	Jan. 27

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Fried. de Grosse	10,531	M. Rachel	Nov. 30	Dec. 6	Dec. 10
Bremen	10,525	Reinkasten	Dec. 28	Jan. 3	Jan. 7
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ORUBA	5857	Lindsay Hay		Nov. 1	Nov. 3
ORMUZ	6387	R. A. Veale	Nov. 12	Nov. 15	Nov. 17
ORIENT	5365	R. Hoare		Nov. 29	Dec. 1
AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Dec. 10	Dec. 13	Dec. 15
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MOANA	Carey	Jan. 16	Jan. 21	Feb. 8

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S.S. TALUNE, TUESDAY, November 15, 4 p.m.

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From HOBART—
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MARYBOROUGH	Bullarra, This Day, 5 p.m., Oct. 28
BUNDABERG	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Nov. 1
GLADSTONE	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Nov. 1
ROCKHAMPTON	Bullarra, This Day, 5 p.m., Oct. 28; Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Nov. 1
And all QUEENSLAND PORTS to TOWNSVILLE and COOKTOWN	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Nov. 1
THURSDAY ISL'D, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN	Wodonga, Tuesday, 5 p.m., Nov. 1 (Change at Cooktown.)
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ADELAIDE, WALLAROO, PORT PIRIE, PORT AUGUSTA	Buninyong, Thursday, November 3, 2 p.m.
ALBANY, FREMANTLE	Buninyong, Thursday, November 3, 2 p.m. No transhipment.
BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, ROCKHAMPTON, BUNDABERG	Peregrine, To-morrow, Sat., 2 p.m.; Burwah, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 5 p.m.; Leura, Saturday, Nov. 5th, 2 p.m.
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Fare to Ballina: Saloon, 20s, return 30s; Steerage, 10s each way.
Newcastle Cargo carried at Reduced Rates.

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S.S. ARCHTOR, from NEW YORK.
The MANIFEST of the above Vessel has been lodged at the Custom-house.
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The Steamer will not be responsible for any loss or damage to cargo after same shall have been landed, and any goods impeding discharge will be entered, landed, and stored at consignees' risk and expense without further notice.
BILLS OF LADING must be produced, duly endorsed, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained from the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.
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Captain HOLMAN will not be responsible for any DEBTS contracted by his crew without his written authority.

S.S. WARRNAMBOOL, for LONDON.
All CLAIMS and ACCOUNTS against the above steamer must be rendered in DUPLICATE at the office of the undersigned by noon THIS DAY, Friday, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
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WANTED, light SKIFF, strong, good condition, 15ft. M. V. Manischi, 12 Spring-st.

WANTED, a BOAT, 14 to 16 ft., must be cheap and in good cond. Letter, price, partic. S. S., Haymkt P.O.

WHARFAGE Accommodation for small vessels. Full particulars John Aubin, Caledonian Whf., 2 King-st.

Calls and Dividends on Shares.

THE CONRAD SILVER LEAD MINING COMPANY, No Liability.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Directors have made a CALL (the First) of One Shilling per share, payable to me, at the Company's Office, Mutual Life of New York-building, Martin-place, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the ninth day of November next.
By order of the Board.
R. F. O'ROURKE, Manager.
Sydney, October 26th, 1898.

Books, Publications, &c.

TURNER and HENDERSON, Sydney.—New BOOKS received daily. Send for Lists.

FORTUNE Telling Cards, with directions, 1s, posted 1s 1d. Kirby's Book Arcade, 636 George-st. South.

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Public Notices.

THE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL.
HEREDITY.

The writings of Maudsley and others being clinical, reports of cases are all proofs of the heredity of Alcoholism. Besides the truth of the direct transmission of Alcoholism, these clinical reports show that Drunkenness is a disease force that is readily correlated with other diseases, as epilepsy, lunacy, and idiotcy. The children of an epileptic may be epileptic or drunkards. The children of a drunkard may be lunatics, epileptics, idiots, or have other manifestations of nervous diseases.

If clinical cases prove these facts, we are justified by induction to generalise from them, and to apply these generalisations to all the facts relating to Alcoholism in their widest sense. It will be seen that further generalisation proves these laws to be true. Christendom has been drinking Alcohol for nearly nineteen centuries. Alcoholism is a disease of Christendom. These laws, proven by observation of individuals, are verified by observation of the people of Christendom at large. The greatest number of these people who drink at all begin to drink at the age of 18 years; the greatest number cease at the age of 35 years. The greatest number of those who continue to drink after the age of 35 years never recover from the disease, or, as is generally said, they never reform, and are beyond the reach of Christian and other influences.

It may correctly be inferred from this verification of statistics that Drunkenness, or Alcoholism, like many other diseases, is self-limited. The average duration of this disease—this heirloom of Noah—is about 17 years. That there is every possible variation from these averages, in intensity of the disease, age, and other points in individuals, is apparent to any observer. A concisely written book, by an eminent physician, the Discoverer of Eucrasy, giving all the particulars regarding the disease of Drunkenness and its Cure by the Eucrasy treatment, will be posted free, sealed, to all who are interested by addressing the EUCRASY COMPANY, 62 Hunter-street, Sydney.
E. H. NORTON, Manager.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF CORNELIUS LOUGHNAN, deceased, formerly of 639 and 714 George-street, Tobacconist.
The Third and Final DIVIDEND of 2½d in the £ on all proved claims is now payable at my office.
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WM. ROBERTSON, F.S.I.A., Public Accountant, Mutual Life-buildings, Martin-place.

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JAS. H. ADGER, Dermatologist, treats successfully all diseases of the skin and scalp, loss of hair, premature blanching, and general cultivation and growth of the hair. Advice and remedy, 10s 6d. Next Australia Hotel, Sydney.

I WILLIAM GREGORY BAINES, will not after this date be responsible for any DEBTS contracted in my name by any person whomsoever without my written authority. October 26, 1898.

REMOVAL OF BUSINESS.—The Business carried on by COLLINS and CO. at 459 Oxford-street, Paddington, has this day been REMOVED to TRAMVILLE, Ocean-street, Woollahra, near corner of Queen-street.

THE STORE of W. H. ARIEL and CO., Kent-street, will be CLOSED on MONDAY Next for purposes of Stocktaking.

BALLS, Parties, &c.—Oertel's superior Table Water, and Cordials, Glass-lined Syphons. 408 Pitt-st.

FIREWOOD.—BLOCKS for SALE, 6s per load on street, George-st. tramway, near Bridge-st.

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TICKETS.—Melbourne, Adelaide, and Broken Hill Excursions wanted to Purch. 108 Pitt-st., opp. G.P.O.

Religious Announcements.

CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
THIS DAY, at PITT-STREET CHURCH.
11 a.m.—Ministers' and Deacons' Association. "Religious Instruction in the Public Schools. Preachers' Association Report. 2.30 p.m.: Devotional. 3 p.m.: Business. London Missionary Society. Ladies' Auxiliary to the Home Mission. 7.30 p.m.: Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavour Societies, Rev. A. J. Griffith, M.A., presiding. Medals and Prizes. Hymns by various schools.

MISSION TO CITIZENS OF SYDNEY. CENTENARY HALL (Eleventh Day). Revs. J. WATSFORD and W. G. TAYLOR. TO-NIGHT, 7.45. Open Air, Town Hall, 7 o'clock.

THE PRESBYTERY OF SYDNEY will MEET in the Chinese Church, Foster-street, THIS EVENING, at 7.30, to Induct Rev. J. YOUNG WAI.
Collection for the Presbytery Fund.
GEORGE MACINNES, Clerk of Presbytery.

Y.M.C.A.—Mr. ROBT. ROBERTSON, Evangelist from Victoria, will ADDRESS on SATURDAY EVG. Next at 7.45.

Tenders.

ARTISTS and PAINTERS.—If you want best quality Goods for Lowest Cost buy from JAMES SANDY and CO., 271 and 330 George-street.

AMENDED TENDERS are required (revised specification) for Six Brick Cottages, Ernest-street, North Sydney.
M. COOPER DAY, Architect, 14 Hunter-street.

BRICKWORK.—TENDERS wanted, Mr. Beattie, new building, Orlando-avenue, Mosman, 9 o'clock.

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IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE of SYDNEY MITCHELL FLETCHER, trading as S. M. FLETCHER and CO., Wagga, Mercer and Outfitter.
TENDERS are invited and will be received at our offices up to 2 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd November, 1898, for the PURCHASE of the undernoted Assets in the above Estate:—

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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. The usual 10 per cent. conditions.
PERRY and PRIESTLEY, Incorporated Accountants.
Hoffnung's-chambers, 163 Pitt-street, Sydney, October 27, 1898.

IN THE ESTATE OF J. F. WOODS, of Marrickville, Grocer.
TENDERS are invited up to 12 o'clock on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd November, for the undermentioned Book Debts:—

Good	£187 19 3
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THIS DAY, Friday, OCTOBER 28th, at 11 a.m.
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PITMEN.—TENDERS for Pitwork at Brickworks. E. Vickery, jr., 78 Pitt-st.

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FISH	VEGETABLES
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TO CONTRACTORS.—TENDERS invited for Connecting with Sewer, 30, 32, 34, 36 View-street, and 18 Annandale-street, Annandale, to which tenders should be addressed.

TENDERS for Bricklaying, Lath and Plastering, Raise Roof of Cottage. 4 to 6 p.m., 66 Read-st., Waverley.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 16th day of NOVEMBER, 1898, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 12th day of November, 1898:—SIDNEY JACOBS and LOUIS JACOBS (No. 12,852), both of No. 9 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, trading as "S. and J. JACOBS," re JOHN HENRY FAVES (No. 12,395), of Manly, near Sydney; re JOHN HURLEY (No. 13,022), of Gurner-street, Paddington, Mining Manager; re JOHN SNUDGREN (No. 13,024), of No. 11 Ferris-street, Annandale, Mariner. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. N. F. GIBLIN, Official Assignee. (4c.16)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Single MEETING of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on the 17th day of NOVEMBER, 1898, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 14th day of November, 1898:—Re MAX KAUFFMANN (No. 13,018), of No. 100 Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst, Clerk; re JULIUS FREDERICK GERAHTY (No. 12,986), of Frederick-street, Ashfield, Clerk; re THOMAS BLENCOWE (No. 12,987), of Myra Vale, Farmer. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee. (4c.16)

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In the Will of GEORGE TOWNSEND, late of Pretty Plains, near Millthorpe, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the fourteenth day of November next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-fifth day of October, in the year 1898. For the Registrar, R. C. MONDAY, Deputy Registrar. M. E. ISAACS, Proctor, Orange. By his Agent, H. A. LYONS, Lyndhurst-chambers, 84 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction, No. 7693.—In the Estate of WILLIAM DENISON RYAN, late of Grahamstown, in the colony of New South Wales, Miner, deceased, intestate.—Notice is hereby given that the Second Accounts and Plan of Distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the sixteenth day of November next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and also the First Accounts in the said Estate filed in my said office on the eighth day of January, 1896, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said First and Second Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this twenty-sixth day of October, in the year 1898. For the Registrar, R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar. FRANK TAYLOR, Proctor for the Administratrix, Tumut. By his Agent, GEO. HERBERT TURNER, Solicitor, 94 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction, 13,719.—In the Will of CATHERINE BERKELEY, late of Newcastle, in the colony of New South Wales, Fruiterer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Phillip-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my office, on or before the sixteenth day of November next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same; and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And NOTICE is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court, Commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executor. Dated this 26th day of October, in the year 1898. For the Registrar (signed) R. C. MONDAY, Deputy-Registrar. H. W. THOMPSON and SON, Proctors, West Maitland. By their Agent: G. W. ASH, 99a Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of HUGH EVANS, late of Burnt Yards, in the colony of New South Wales, Miner, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to PHILIP EVANS, of Williamstown, in the colony of Victoria, Carpenter, a brother of the said deceased. All creditors and other persons having any claims upon the said estate are required within such fourteen days to send in full particulars of their claims to the undersigned. VESIAN BERNARD MACDERMOTT, Proctor for Applicant, Carcoar. VESIAN BERNARD MACDERMOTT, by LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT, his Agents, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of WILLIAM BOWEN, late of Bowen Park, near Trangie, in the colony of New South Wales, Grazier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE DANIEL BOWEN, of Terrangan, near Dandaloo, in the said colony, Grazier, and SARAH BOWEN, of Bowen Park aforesaid, Widow, the Executor and Executrix in the said Will named. Dated this twenty-sixth day of October, 1898. ROBERT BOOTH, Proctor for the Executor and Executrix, Dubbo. By his Agent, FREDERICK WILLIAM WALKER, 36 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN PEARCE, late of Mandurama, in the colony of New South Wales, Hotelkeeper, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to CATHERINE MATILDA PEARCE, of Mandurama, in the colony of New South Wales, the Widow of the said deceased. VESIAN BERNARD MACDERMOTT, Proctor for Applicant, Carcoar. By LEE, COLQUHOUN, and BASSETT, his Agents, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MATTHEW SMITH, late of Ballandry, in the colony of New South Wales, Carrier, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ELIJAH SMITH, the Executor named in the said Will. J. F. WILLANS, Proctor, Narrandera. CECIL WAY, Agent, 67 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of PATRICK CONLEY, late of Orange, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, deceased, intestate. Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN POLAND CONLEY, a Grandson of the said deceased.
M'EVILLY and M'EVILLY, Proctors for the Applicant, 13 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT DICK, late of Sunny Brae, Windsor, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to his Sister, MARGARET LINDSAY DICK, of Sunny Brae, Windsor aforesaid, the sole Executrix named in the said Will. JOHN JACKSON PAINE, Proctor for the Executrix, Windsor.

PURSUANT to the Lunacy Statutes, the Creditors of DAVID BENNETT, formerly of Macdonaldtown, Carpenter, but now for some years past residing at the Hospital for the Insane at Gladesville, an Insane Patient, are forthwith to come in and prove their claims before the Master in Lunacy, at his office, Supreme Court, Sydney, or in default thereof they will be excluded the benefit of the inquiry now pending relative thereto.
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ONUS'S RAILWAY SALEYARDS, 827 George-street.
F. L. ONUS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Railway Sale Yards, 827 George-street (late Inglis's), THIS DAY, Friday, October 28th, at half-past 12 o'clock, Sucking Pigs, Dead Meat, &c.
At half-past 2 o'clock, A large assortment all kinds Poultry, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Fowls, Pigeons, &c.
At half-past 3 o'clock, Roll and Keg Butter, from best Southern dairies, Cheese, Bacon, Eggs, Lard, Honey, &c.; also Fruit.

THE POULTRY FARMERS' EXCHANGE, Thomas-street, Haymarket.
C. J. TURNER will sell by auction, at the above Rooms THIS DAY, at 2 p.m., Eggs, Poultry, Suckers, Honey, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.
SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Friday, as under:—
HIDES.—At the various Stores at 9.30 a.m.
SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, at 11.30 a.m.
TALLOW.—At the Wool Exchange, at 2.30 p.m.

SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Produce Mart, 81 Ultimo-road, at 2 o'clock, Sucking Pigs, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Fowls, Pig'ns, Birds.
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THIS DAY.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction at his Rooms, 247a Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. Braun, of the Commercial Loan Office, Erskine-street. At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c. At 2 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery, comprising Field and Opera Glasses, Cutlery, Plated Ware, Books, Clocks, Musical Instruments, &c. Gold and Silver Lever and Waltham Watches; Diamond, Signet, Keeper, and Wedding Rings; Gold Alberts, Necklets, Lockets, Bracelets, Brooches, Earrings, Studs, Links, &c.

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Auction Sales.

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75 HEAD 75 HEAD of SUPERIOR FRESH COUNTRY HORSES.
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On account Mr. D. CAMERON, GRENFELL, 15 High-class Horses, direct from the breeder, comprising stylish well-bred light harness and hackney descriptions, with strength and quality, all broken and reliable workers.
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FOR SALE WITHOUT RESERVE. Full pedigrees and particulars at sale.

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TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.
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Full Particulars at Sale.

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GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Horses, Vehicles, and Harness. And at 12 o'clock. Lots as advertised.

R. F. MURPHY and CO., Auctioneers, Thomas-street, Haymarket, will sell by auction at their Rooms and Yards, THIS DAY at 1 p.m. sharp, Carcase Pork, Veal, Suckers, Porkers, &c.
At 2 p.m., Prime Table Poultry from Hawkesbury River; also ex rail, comprising Turkeys, Geese, Fowls, Ducks, Pigeons, Game Birds, &c.; also Eggs, Honey, Wax, Hides, &c.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.
ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, Quay-street, off George-street South, THIS DAY, at 1 o'clock, Fat Vealers, Baconers, Porkers, Suckers, Choice Brands of Creamery, Factory, and Dairy Roll and Keg Butter, Lard, Honey, Eggs, Bacon, Choice Fruit, a large quantity of Poultry of all descriptions, Pigeons, Birds, Game, &c.
Buyers will please note that the sale will start prompt at the advertised time.

THIS DAY, at 2.30, MIDDLETON and CO. sell by auction, at Hay and George streets, Haymarket, Men's and Women's Clothing, Watches, Bedsteads, Bedding, Household Furniture, &c. No Reserve.

VENETIAN BOAT CONCERT TO-NIGHT, 8, 4 Jetty, Circular Quay. Tickets, 1s, on board.

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MOST IMPORTANT UNRESERVED SALE by AUCTION, at THE MART, 199 PITT-STREET.
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TO LADIES and GENTLEMEN FURNISHING, THE TRADE, &c.
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Choice Toilet Ware.
Single and Dble. Bedsteads and Bedding, Cot, Chair Bedstead, Combination Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstands, &c., &c.
Kitchen Dressers, Tables, &c.
Also 2 5ft. SIDEBOARDS, 2 4ft. SIDEBOARDS (all with bevelled glass backs), 3 SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES, 2 WARDROBES, w. bevd. glass, PAIRS OF TOILETS, 4ft. BOOKCASE, Stained Walnut, &c., &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions from the respective owners to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11 a.m.
WITHOUT RESERVE.
N.B. SALE WILL COMMENCE AT 11 A.M. SHARP.

IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION.
THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp.
At the Rooms, 51 Castlereagh-street, city. By Order of the Mortgagee.
Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS.
Magnificent DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, in Walnut, Upholstered in Silk Tap. and Plush, of 10 pieces.
SUPERIOR CEDAR SIDEBOARDS.
EXCELLENT BOOKCASE, IN CEDAR.
MASSIVE CEDAR CHEST OF DRAWERS.
Black-and-gold ¾-tester Bedsteads (of different sizes).
HANDSOME PAIRS of CEDAR TOILETS.
LARGE CEDAR EXTENSION DINING TABLE, in Solid Cedar, 12ft. (patent).
WALNUT and GILT OVERMANTELS.
A REALLY FIRST-CLASS PIANO, by Soufleto. This Instrument can be highly recommended.
OILCLOTHS, LINOS., CARPETS, Brussels, &c. Chests of Drawers, H.H. Suites, Hallstands.
Austrian Furniture, Cane Furniture.
Washstands and Wares, Dressers, Tables.
Chaff. Safes, Sideboards, Mangles.
Bedsteads, &c., &c., Ice Chests.
Also, 2 HIGH-GRADE BICYCLES.
Also, SEVERAL SEWING MACHINES (best makers).
Pictures in Oils, Oleographs, Steel Engravings, &c. Ornaments, Crockery, and Kitchen Utensils.
J. O. LITTLE and CO. have received instructions to sell as above.
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
The Auctioneers call Special Attention to this bona-fide SALE, and intending buyers will have a really first-class opportunity of getting bargains.
Offices and Rooms: 51 Castlereagh-street, city. Tel., 2779.

BUILDING MATERIALS. BUILDING MATERIALS.
2 FIRST-CLASS BRICK HOUSES.
THIS DAY, OCTOBER 28th, at 11 o'clock.
HOWARD-STREET, off GEORGE-STREET WEST.
25,000 Sandstock Full-size BRICKS. Worth inspection.
15 Panel Doors, 10 Frames and Sashes, complete
60 Long Joists, 100 Rafters, 100 Studs
First-class Lot Flooring and Lining Boards
Quantity of Timber, all sizes
Battens, Posts, Piping, Hearthstones, and Gutter
Quantity Dressed Basecourse.
BONA-FIDE SALE.
GEO. P. BAINES invites Buyers to this sale, under instructions from BELL and CO., which comprises some A1 lots Sound Timber.

FURNITURE SALE. FURNITURE SALE.
Positive Unreserved Sale.
To Private Buyers, Dealers, and the Trade.
JARRETT-STREET, LEICHHARDT, near Barracks.
THIS DAY, OCTOBER 28th, at half-past 2 o'clock.
One Chappell Cottage Piano, worth inspection. Nice lot Dining-room Requisites. H.T. Brass-mounted Bed, Sanitary Mattress, Flock Bedding. Combinations, Chest Drawers, Austrian Chairs, Kitchen Furniture.
GEO. P. BAINES has pleasure in calling attention Buyers to this Sale of clean, well-kept Furniture.

CLEARING AUCTION SALE.
THIS DAY, at 11.
FANCY GOODS, DOLLS, TOYS, CUTLERY, SPOONS, BROOMS, STATIONERY, BOOKS, &c., &c.
JAMES RODD and CO. will Sell by Auction in their Rooms, 7 Wynyard-street, THIS DAY, at 11. The Above Stock Fancy Goods, &c.
WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY WEEK, FRIDAY, 4th NOVEMBER. An Extensive Sale by Auction of FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Appointments of superior quality will be held in THE BURWOOD SALEROOMS.
Gentry in the various suburbs desirous selling the whole or any portion of their Effects, PIANOS, CARPETS, SUITES, VEHICLES, BICYCLES, &c., will kindly notify us this week if possible, and everything except vehicles should be sent before Monday Night to ensure inclusion in our Printed Catalogue. We will store anything owners wish to reserve.
STRONGMAN and WATSON, Auctioneers, and Agents for Owners.
Telephone, 200 Burwood.

MOSMAN'S, Bowden's Estate, TO-MORROW, Sat., on Ground, 3 p.m. Lithos. Terms. B. and W., Ltd.

Auction Sales.

LAWSON and SMITH'S AUCTION ROOMS, 128-130 PITT-STREET.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, under instructions from THE TRUSTEES IN AN ESTATE.
THE FURNITURE AND APPOINTMENTS, Removed from a Residence at NORTH SYDNEY.
GLASS, CHINA, AND ELECTROPLATE.
COSTLY DINNER SERVICE, hand-painted, and of very fine quality.
OLD ENGLISH DESSERT SERVICE, with Paintings of Floral Subjects on apple green ground.
ANTIQUE OAK DINING SUITE.
SOLID WALNUT DINING SUITE.
HANDSOME MOROCCO SUITE, Solid Walnut Frames, Carved and Upholstered in the best manner throughout.
WALNUT TELESCOPE DINING TABLE, with patent screw and spare leaves, extending 8ft.
SUPERIOR MAHOGANY BOOKCASE.
OVERMANTELS in WALNUT, with bevelled-edged Mirrors and Side Galleries.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, upholstered in Silk Figured Damask.
DRAWING-ROOM OCCASIONAL CHAIRS.
VALUABLE RONISCH PIANOFORTE, in Walnut Case.
BRUSSELS AND TAPESTRY CARPETS.
VERY SUPERIOR BEDROOM SUITES. and THE GENERAL APPOINTMENTS of A LARGE WELL-FURNISHED RESIDENCE.
EUREKA GAS STOVE, BAMBOO BLINDS.
JAMES R. LAWSON (LAWSON and SMITH) has been favoured with instructions to conduct the Important Sale by auction as above.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28th, AT 11 O'CLOCK A.M.
TO THE RETAIL FANCY BUYERS, DEALERS, and Others.
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP, under instructions from the Proprietor, relinquishing business. Removed from Harris-street, Pyrmont, to Rooms for sale.
THE WHOLE OF HIS STOCK of GENERAL FANCY GOODS, BASKETWARE, CROCKERYWARE, &c., comprising CRUETS, DOLLS, PURSES, TOYS, COMBS, Straps, I.R. BALLS, PLAYING CARDS, SCISSORS, SCHOOL BAGS, STATIONERY, SCHOOL BOOKS, JEWELLERY, VASES, ORNAMENTS, FIGURES, BRUSHWARE, &c., TINWARE, ENAMELLED-WARE, and HOLLOW-WARE, CROCKERY-WARE and EARTHENWARE GLASS CASES, 3 INCANDESCENT LIGHTS, also LARGE ASSORTMENT OF DOLLS.
A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above at their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, October 28, at 11 o'clock sharp.

AT THE EXCHANGE SALEROOM (THE EXCHANGE, BRIDGE-STREET) THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1898, at 3 p.m. sharp.
Under instructions from Messrs. GIBBS, BRIGHT, and CO., THE TRUSTEES of the ESTATE of the LATE Mr. S. A. JOSEPH, and Messrs. GOLLIN and CO., &c.
1675 Packages FOOCHOW CONGOU
430 Ditto CEYLON TEA
125 Ditto KOO LOO (Season 1898-99),
including Medium to Fine Panyongs, Kaisows, Sahyuntes, and Fine Koo Loos.
JUST LANDED ex TAIYUAN, AIRLIE, &c.
Also, Good to Fine CEYLONS, in all makes.
H. W. CAREY and CO., Tea Brokers, &c., 18 Bridge-street, Sydney.
SAMPLES "on Show," and Catalogues at the Brokers' Offices.

IN THE ASSIGNED ESTATE OF MARCHANT AND CO.
CONTINUATION AND FINAL CLEARANCE SALE, THIS DAY, at 10 a.m. SHARP, on the Premises, 387 GEORGE-STREET, CITY, OF THE WHOLE OF THE VALUABLE AND COSTLY
FIXTURES AND FITTINGS.
SOLID CEDAR PANELLED COUNTERS, BOOKCASES
SHOWCASES, IN SOLID CEDAR AND EBONY-AND-GOLD
COUNTER CASES, IN NICKEL AND IN CEDAR
CHESTS OF DRAWERS
BOOKSHELVES, WALL FITTINGS, GAS AND ELECTRIC LIGHT DITTO.
TWO SUBSTANTIAL IRON SAFES (first-class makers)
ROLL-TOP WALNUT DESK, GLASS CASES IN ALL SIZES
Office Requisites and Sundries of Every Description, too numerous to particularise.
Also THE BALANCE OF THE VALUABLE STOCK, comprising HYMN BOOKS, PRAYER BOOKS, BIBLES (all bound in Russian Morocco), STANDARD NOVELS, MEDICAL WORKS, THEOLOGICAL WORKS, WORKS OF SCIENCE AND FICTION, PICTURES, WATERCOLOUR DRAWINGS, ETCHINGS, and ENGRAVINGS.
Also, The whole of that Valuable Library so favourably known as MARCHANT'S CIRCULATING LIBRARY.
50 VERY HANDSOME OAK SPIRIT STANDS, with Richly-cut Glass Bottles.
. To Stationers, Booksellers, Fancy Goods Dealers, and Others.
BARNARD AND CO. will sell by auction as above, POSITIVELY WITHOUT RESERVE.
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IN THE BANKRUPT ESTATE OF ADAM EASTON, CORDIAL MANUFACTURER, OF CHESTER LODGE, PYRMONT BRIDGE-ROAD, CAMPERDOWN.
TUESDAY NEXT, NOVEMBER 1, at 11 a.m.
6-H.P. VERTICAL BOILER and ENGINE
SODA-WATER MACHINE, GENERATOR
5 BOTTLING MACHINES, CASKS, VATS
100 GROSS PATENT BOTTLES 4 GROSS SYPHONS
CORDIALS, ESSENCES, SYRUPS, &c., &c.
Also, 1 FOUR-WHEELED WAGGON, 3 CARTS, 5 SETS OF HARNESS, 3 HORSES and Usual Sundries and Accessories.
To be submitted in one line as a Going Concern, together with Goodwill, Trade Marks, &c., &c, when, failing a satisfactory offer, will be sold in Lots to suit purchasers.
Further particulars can be obtained upon application to the Auctioneers.
BARNARD AND CO. have been instructed by W. H. PALMER, Esq., OFFICIAL ASSIGNEE, to sell by auction on the premises as above.
Auctioneers' Offices, 74 Castlereagh-street.

TO DEALERS, PRIVATE BUYERS, AND OTHERS.
C. CLEAVE has been favoured with instructions from Mr. M'Farlan, prior to his departure for New Zealand, to sell by public auction, the whole of his Superior Household Furniture and Effects, at his residence, No. 1 Gladstone-terrace, Baptist-street, Redfern, top of Crown-street, viz.:—Piano, by Paling and Co., iron frame, trichord, good tone, in first-class order; Music Stand; Superior Walnut Overmantel, large size; one ditto, smaller; Drawing-room Suite, tapestry and plush; Sideboard, plate glass back, well made; 2 Chests Drawers, brass-mtd. Bedsteads; Extension Dining Table, 8ft. x 4; Enclosed Presser, glass front; Ice Chest, Washstands, Plated Ware, Pictures, Gipsy Tables, Ornaments, Curtains, Occasional Tables, Carpets, Linoleum, Austrian Chairs, Couch K. Tables, &c., &c.
The above are of Superior Quality and Excellent Condition.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.
C. CLEAVE, Auctioneer, 40 Oxford-street, city.
Telephone No., 2236.

NORTH SHORE HIGHLANDS.—HORNSBY ¼ & 1 Acre Blocks. Cottage and Villa Sites. AUCTION SALE on the Ground SAT. AFTERNOON, November 5th. Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers, 133 Pitt-street.

Auction Sales.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
ORDER OF SALE of CITY and SUBURBAN PROPERTIES to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., THIS DAY, FRIDAY.
NORTH SYDNEY.—THE REST HOTEL, corner of Alfred and Terrace streets, with License, Goodwill, Fixtures, and Furniture.
CHIPPENDALE.—Allotments fronting Cleveland, Abercrombie, and Harkley streets, Shepherd's Estate. In Equity.
PETERSHAM.—Various Allotments, Palace-street and Sadlier-crescent, Shepherd's Estate. In Equity.
CITY.—Allotment No. 3, Sec. 2, Abercrombie-street, Shepherd's Estate.
ALEXANDRIA.—Lots 19 and 20, Mitchell-road, close to Park and Harley streets. Mortgagee's Sale.
ASHFIELD.—Lot 23, Victoria-square, fronting Esplanade, Recreation Reserve.
STRATHFIELD.—Allotment, Agnes-street and Cotswold-road, next Mr. Robertson's residence.
BEECROFT.—Residence and 2 acres of Grounds, Beecroft, Albert, and Thom roads, close to station.
RYDE.—Six Blocks ranging from 10 to 12 acres, Small's Subdivision, Great North-road and Lovell-road. Mortgagee's Sale.
TURRAMURRA.—Burke's Orangery of 5 acres, fronting road west of Bobbin-road, adjoining residence of J. Sulman, Esq. Deceased Estate.
PYMBLE.—Block of 17 acres, Lane Cove-road, adjoining Roman Catholic Church. Porter's Estate.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.

HOTEL.—The REST HOTEL, on Milson's Point-road, NORTH SYDNEY, with goodwill, license, and furniture, for AUCTION SALE, at our Rooms, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

ABERCROMBIE and CLEVELAND STREETS, CITY. —ALLOTMENTS in Shepherd's Estate for AUCTION SALE at our Rooms, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11.30 a.m. Lithos. Terms.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

PETERSHAM.—BUSINESS SITES, &c., PALACE-STREET, &c., in Shepherd's Estate, for auction sale THIS DAY, Friday, at our Rooms, at 11.30 a.m., on terms. Lithos.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Ltd.

PROPERTY SALES.
At the Rooms, 313 Pitt-street, MONDAY, 31st October, at 11.30 a.m. By order of the Mortgagees.
GALSTON, Wiseman's Ferry (new road), just off the Parramatta-road, close to the Store and Post-office.—Lot 4, section 7, area 11 acres 3 roods 29¼ perches. Torrens.
MEDLOW, Blue Mountains, corner Richmond-avenue and Portland-road.—Vacant LAND, 66ft. x 283ft., convenient to the station. Torrens title.
FIVE DOCK, Bickleigh Vale Estate.—LAND, in area 1 acre and 6 perches, having frontage to the main North road and Hen and Chicken Bay. Freehold.
MOSMAN'S BAY, Magic and Mistral streets.—LAND, 66ft. x 281ft. 6in. and 245ft. 6in.; also Block, 105ft. 3in. x 227ft. 8in. and 202ft. Freehold.
ROCKDALE, Farr-street.—Brick COTTAGE, with iron roof, and containing hall, 3 rooms, washhouse, front verandah, land 50ft. x 130ft. Torrens title.
INTERESTS IN WILLS.
All the Right, Title, and Interest of Alfred Robinson in Will of George Robinson, deceased, in 2 houses, 442, 444 Bourke-street, Surry Hills.
All the Interest (stated to be one-fourth) of Louisa Whitmore) under Will of Ann Martin, deceased, to Properties Nos. 13 and 15 Owen-street, off Athlone-place. Messrs. Ickerson and Ebsworth, Mutual-chambers, Pitt-street, are Solicitors for the Mortgagee of Interest in Wills.
WATKIN and WATKIN, 313 Pitt-street.

MANLY. MANLY. MANLY.
MALVERN HEIGHTS ESTATE (BALGOWLAH).
36 SPLENDID BUILDING SITES. SALE ON THE GROUND, TO-MORROW, at 3 p.m.
CONVEYANCES WILL LEAVE THE GRAND PIER HOTEL at 2.45 p.m.
Tickets may be had from the Auctioneers.
HUGH DUFF and CO., Auctioneers, 109 Pitt-street.

MACQUARIE FIELDS ESTATE, 1700 acres, with commodious Residence and outbuildings, about two miles of Main Road frontage, about 1½ mile frontage to the Railway Line, with GLENFIELD and MACQUARIE FIELDS PLATFORMS on the property, and one mile Sleep, will be offered at auction, at the Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, on WEDNESDAY, November 2, 1898.
The Land is splendidly cleared in most parts, and divided into 15 Paddocks, well watered by BUNBURRY CURRAN CREEK, and 9 capital Dams, and in the hands of a practical man would pay well for cultivation, dairying, or stud farm purposes.
A considerable historic interest attaches to this property, and present vendor has owned it for 20 years. The surrounding country is beautifully undulating and very picturesque, whilst the improvements of the last few years show considerable settlement in the locality, and point to future great possibilities. Inspect and attend Sale. Plan on view.
HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales. Sheriff's Office, Sydney, 22nd October, 1898.
PILCHER and ANOTHER v. ON LEE, GEORGE.
ON FRIDAY, the 28th day of October, 1898, at noon, unless the Writ of Fieri Facias herein be previously satisfied, the SHERIFF will cause to be sold by public auction, at the Arbitration Court, Supreme Court, Sydney, All the Right, Title, and Interest of George On Lee, the defendant herein, of, in, and to a certain debt of £7 due by one Jimmy Ah Fat to the said George On Lee, and for the sale of which debt an order was made by his Honor Mr. Justice Walker on the 25th day of September last.
Terms, Prompt Cash.
C. E. B. MAYBURY, Sheriff.
JOHNSON, MINTER, SIMPSON, and CO., Plaintiff's Attorneys, Sydney.

"HEALTHY, HIGH HORNSBY."
AUCTION SALE of well-selected Residential Sites, on the Ground, Saturday Afternoon, Nov. 5 next. Easy terms. Lithos. HARDIE and GORMAN, Auctioneers.

Miscellaneous.

A.—MADAME ZEPHEY, Palmist, Clairvoyante, 14 Royal Arcade, opposite New Markets.

I AM the only Bohemian Gipsy PALMIST in Australia, 30 yrs. a roving Gipsy. 297 Pitt-st., 2 doors fr. Park-st.

A.—MADAME RODNEY, Scientific Physiognomist and Palmist, 18 Sydney Arcade, King-st., only.

LOOK beyond the surface. Have your hand read by Paul Ferris, 55 Victoria Markets.

A CLAIRVOYANTE.—Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, daily, 10 to 7, 2s 6d. Seance to-night, 8, 6d. 273 Pitt-st., upst.

MRS. MELLON.—Test Seance To-night, 8, 1s. Daily, 11 till 4, 2s 6d. Temperance Hall, Pitt-st.

MADAM JOSEPHINE, Scientific Palmist and Clairvoyante, removed to Victoria Arcade, facg. Australia.

MR. Pascoe's Developing Class to-n., 8, vacancies, daily all matters, 2s 6d. 725 Harris-st., op. F. D. Milk Co.

WANTED, kind Person to Care Baby, 4 months old, terms must be moderate. A. B., G.P.O.

WANTED, kind Lady ADOPT Baby Boy, 3 months old; open till Tuesday. Hope, Herald Office.

SCIENTIFIC PALMISTRY.—Miss ST. HILL, London, daily ex. Wed. and Sat., fee 2s 6d. 108 Victoria-st. N.

MADAME Laceta, Clairvoyante, daily, 11 to 5; Seance To-night, 8, Sydney-cham., 130 Pitt st., nr. Truth O.

A CLAIRVOYANT.—Mr. Stephenson, Seance To-night, 8, 1s; daily, 11 till 5, 2s 6d. 732 Harris-st., Ultimo.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Madame Clarke, Seances every Wed. and Frid., 8, 6d; Sun., 7.30. 166 Abercrombie-st.

CLAIRVOYANCE, 70 Devitt-st. Circle To-night, 8 o'c., 6d. Spirit control. Mesdames Ophir and Glutah.

CLAIRVOYANCE.—Bus., 11 to 4, 2s 6d; Seance, To-night, 8, 6d. Mr. P. Greentree, 4 Stephen-st., Balmain.

MADAME St. George, Clairvoyante, Palmist. Daily, evening; fee, 1s, 2s 6d. 296 Crown-st., Oxford-st.

MISS Bretnall, Clairvoyante, daily; Circle, To-night, 8, 6d. Aut. writing two used. 44 Australia-st., N'town.

ERMILLE, Crystal Readings daily, 11 to 5. Meeting This Evening, 8, 1s. 43a Oxford-st.

A WONDERFUL MEDICINE.
BEECHAM'S PILLS
are universally admitted to be worth a Guinea a Box for Bilious and Nervous Disorders, such as Wind and Pain in the Stomach, Sick Headache, Giddiness, Fullness and Swelling after Meals, Dizziness and Drowsiness, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss of Appetite, Shortness of Breath, Costiveness, Scurvy and Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed Sleep, Frightful Dreams, and all Nervous and Trembling Sensations, &c. Every sufferer is earnestly invited to try one box of these Pills, and they will be acknowledged to be
WORTH A GUINEA A BOX.
For Females of all ages these Pills are invaluable, as a few doses of them carry off all humours and bring about all that is required. No female should be without them. There is no medicine to be found equal to Beecham's Pills for removing any obstruction or irregularity of the system.
For Weak Stomach, Impaired Digestion, and all Disorders of the Liver they act like magic, and a few doses will be found to work wonders on the most important organs in the human machine. They strengthen the whole muscular system, restore the long-lost complexion, bring back the keen edge of appetite, and arouse into action with the rosebud of health the whole physical energy of the human frame, and one of the best guarantees to the nervous and debilitated is, BEECHAM'S PILLS have the Largest Sale of any Patent Medicine in the World. Prepared only by the Proprietor, THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helen's, Lancashire, England, and sold everywhere in boxes 9½d, 1s 1½d, and 2s 9d each.

COUGHS, COLDS on the CHEST, BRONCHITIS and ASTHMA rapidly cured by HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE.
Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its wonderful influence. Sufferers from any form of bronchitis, distressing cough, difficulty of breathing, hoarseness, pain and soreness in the chest, experience delightful and immediate relief, and to those who are subject to colds on the chest it is invaluable, as it effects a complete cure. Prepared only and sold wholesale and retail by the proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria. Small sizes, 2s 6d; large, 4s 6d. Sold by chemists and medicine vendors. Forwarded by post to any address when not obtainable locally.

SINGULAR MARRIAGE QUESTION.

DRAWING-ROOM CEREMONY AND NO PRIEST.

In the English Probate Division recently Sir Francis Jeune had before him the suit of Murphy v. the Attorney-General (Murphy cited). Dr. Charles Oscar Murphy, in practice at Manchester, asked for a declaration that his marriage to Martha Price at Manchester on September 25, 1876, was lawful.

Mr. Inderwick, Q.C., and Mr. Priestly appeared for Dr. Murphy; Mr. Le Bas for Mrs. Murphy; and Sir R. Finlay, Q.C., and Mr. Gwynne James for the Attorney-General.

Mr. Inderwick said there were some peculiar circumstances in the case. Dr. Murphy, a Roman Catholic, was born in Ireland, which country he left some years ago and came to Manchester, where he had practised as a physician since 1860. He attended the church of the Jesuit Fathers at Manchester. In 1871 or 1872 a young woman, Martha Price, was engaged by him as housekeeper, and she remained in his service for some years. In the autumn of 1876, she then being about 31 or 32 years of age, Dr. Murphy proposed marriage to her. He saw Father Birch, his clergyman, and asked him to make arrangements for the marriage. Father Birch pointed out that the marriage was not an advantageous one from Dr. Murphy's point of view, and advised him to reconsider the question. Dr. Murphy said he had decided to marry Martha Price, and that he had so promised her. In the meantime he talked the matter over with her, and they went down on their knees and pledged their troth that they would be faithful to each other, and would regard each other as husband and wife. Afterwards Dr. Murphy saw Father Birch, and told him what had taken place, and Father Birch said that would constitute a valid marriage. Dr. Murphy entirely believed in the statement, especially as subsequently other clergymen had considered the matter and had come to the same conclusion. Dr. and Mrs. Murphy received the Sacrament of Penance, and they had since lived together in the full belief that the marriage was valid, and they were recognised by the clergy as husband and wife. No registrar was present at any ceremony whatever, and in fact no marriage was performed in the church; but they accepted the statement which was made to them. Some time in 1882 a statement was made that Dr. Murphy was not married to Martha Price. He went to Father Birch to know what his position was. The matter was laid before Cardinal Vaughan, Bishop of Salford, and ultimately a certificate was issued of the marriage bearing the signature of the acting vicar, General Canon Sheehan, and the diocesan secretary, Monsignor Hill, and bearing the seal of the Bishop.

Sir R. Finlay said he understood there was no date of the issue on the certificate.

Mr. Inderwick said that was so. After the issuing of the certificate Dr. Murphy again fully believed that the marriage was valid, and he and Mrs. Murphy continued to live together. At a somewhat late date Dr. and Mrs. Murphy proposed to visit Rome, and for that purpose they desired to have a letter of recommendation which was given to all good Catholics in order that they might present themselves before his Holiness the Pope to receive the episcopal benediction. He made an application through the priest in the usual way, and there came back a letter, dated March 15, 1888, signed by the Bishop of Salford, and countersigned by Monsignor Hill, the same gentleman who signed the certificate. Lately this matter had been revived, and thereupon Dr. Murphy, for the purpose of setting himself right with his friends and his Church, advertised a copy of the marriage certificate. Fortunately there were no children. It was charged against Dr. Murphy that he has been living for years in concubinage, and he was advised that the only course he could take was to bring the matter before the court to determine whether it was a valid marriage.

Dr. Murphy was then called, and said he regarded the ceremony as a valid marriage. Father Birch said it was a valid marriage. Afterwards both he (witness) and Mrs. Murphy went to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

The President: Did Father Birch suggest any further ceremony?—No; I paid a fee of £5.

Sir R. Finlay: It was in the drawing-room in his own house that they went on their knees and plighted their troth. No oath was taken; it was a mere statement.

Mrs. Martha Murphy gave corroborative evidence.

Monsignor Hill was called, and said that Dr. Murphy and the lady were regarded by the Catholic Church as being married. The certificate issued in 1882 was not dated.

Cardinal Vaughan said that the certificate was not submitted to him, and he never heard of it. They would not recognise the document referred to as a proper certificate of marriage. Canon Sheehan, who issued the certificate, no doubt believed that these people were married. The marriage would be recognised as valid by the Church, but not as a lawful marriage. He would not have given such a certificate under such circumstances.

His lordship, while believing that the parties had acted in a bona-fide manner, came to the conclusion that the marriage was not a legal one, and he rejected the prayer of the petition.

THE AUSTRALIAN LUNG-FISH.

Most people who take an interest in animals and their habits would probably feel themselves competent to give such a definition of the term "fish" as would satisfy the trained naturalist, and be intelligible to the general public. The task of clear definition, however, is more difficult than would at first appear (says the "Speaker"), not only in this particular instance but in many others. Nature will have none of the hard-and-fast lines of the systematist. Order grades into order, and class into class, in many cases almost imperceptibly, so that it is often hard to say where one ends and the other begins, or to assign the proper place in the classificatory scheme to certain creatures which seem to stand midway between two groups, partaking, to some extent, of the characteristics of both. The lung-fishes stand in just this position; for they possess many fish-like characters, with some that are distinctly amphibian—that is, proper to the frogs and newts. The body is covered with scales, and breathing is effected chiefly by true gills, but the swim-bladder is modified into a breathing organ, so that the blood may be purified by the inhalation of the oxygen of the air as well as by the absorption of that contained in the water. And since the possession of lungs implies pulmonary circulation, the heart is of a higher type than that of true fishes, for it has three chambers instead of two. The limbs have a central axis, thus differing in a marked manner from the paired fins, or limbs, of fishes. In the development of two or three forms of lung-fishes—the African Protopterus and the South American Lepidosiren—there is another point of resemblance to the frogs and newts—the tadpole-like structure of the young, which possesses external gills that gradually atrophy and disappear. It need scarcely be said that these creatures belong to a very ancient group, numerous enough in the Palæozoic epoch, gradually dwindling in numbers down to the present time.

The recent arrival at the Zoological Gardens of living specimens of the Australian lung-fish (Ceratodus Forsteri) is an event of considerable scientific importance, since the deposit of these animals in the tortoise-house will allow of systematic observation being made on their habits in captivity. This lung-fish was discovered by Forster in 1869, and described by Krefft; and much interest was aroused by the announcement that its teeth closely resembled certain fossil teeth from the Triassic strata of Europe, and from secondary rocks in South Africa and India. To these teeth the generic name of Ceratodus had been given, because they presented some slight resemblance to the branching antlers of a deer; and the same name was used for the subjects of Forster's discovery. The body is long and much flattened from side to side, and covered with large cycloid scales; the limbs are shaped like the blade of a paddle or a trowel, and broadly fringed. The flesh—red, like that of a salmon—is excellent eating, and large specimens are said to attain a length of 6ft., and a weight of about 20lb., the apparent disparity between size and weight being probably accounted for by the tapering off of the body behind the posterior limbs. Their home is in the Burnett and Mary Rivers; and as they were in danger of becoming extinct the Royal Society of Queensland recently resolved to establish them in new habitats. The work was carried out successfully, so far as regards capture and transport, by Mr. D. O'Connor, who also brought to England the specimens now in the Zoological Gardens. Of the establishment of the species in the rivers to which examples have been transferred, it is, of course, too soon to speak. The attempt deserves success. Not very much is known of the habits of the lung-fish. It was at first said that they were vegetable feeders; but though they crop and swallow large quantities of aquatic vegetation, the bulk of this passes out of the system undigested, and probably serves as a vehicle for the crustaceans, molluscs, worms, and insects larvæ that live in and among water-plants. During the passage to England Mr. O'Connor kept his specimens on prawns, fish, and meat, on which they fed freely, thus establishing the fact that a vegetable diet is not a necessity for them. Since they have been at the Gardens they have also been fed upon fish; so that, in all probability, Dr. Semon's suggestion that the mass of vegetable matter found in the stomach is only a vehicle for more toothsome animal matter is probably correct. Strange stories have been told about the power of these creatures to leave the water and live for a time on the mudbanks, but these do not rest on a foundation of fact. Nor is it the case that they bury themselves during part of the year in cocoons, or make nests, as their African and South American relatives undoubtedly do. This habit of the African Protopterus has long been known, and all the examples brought to England have been encased in mud; but the discovery of the fact that the Paraguayan Lepidosiren also retires into the mud in the dry season was only recently definitely determined by Mr. J. Graham Kerr; and an exceedingly interesting description by Mr. Hunt of the way in which this is effected, with figures of the cocoon, or burrow, appears in the "Proceedings" of the Zoological Society for the present year.

Since the opening of the Zoological Gardens, just 70 years ago, many strange and interesting animals have been exhibited—not a few for the first time in any menagerie. But none has been more deserving of notice and study than these strange fish-like creatures, which some have described as "missing links" between fishes and amphibians. It would be were not out of place in a menagerie, one would like to suggest that, by the side of the tank in which these specimens of Ceratodus live, there should be placed one of the teeth of Ceratodus from the Rhaetic beds of Aust, near Bristol, with an appropriate label setting forth the relationship between the living and the dead. This would make it abundantly clear how wide the range of the genus formerly was, and how limited it is at the present day.

One-sixth of the inhabitants of France have bank accounts.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.

There are two northern States, Vermont and Maine, which still hold elections two months before all the others, and these now show a serious falling off in the Republican vote. What this means exactly is a little in doubt, although indignation at the ill-treatment of the volunteers in the hospitals and upon the transports certainly has much to do with it. The War Department, instead of frankly admitting blunders, has taken the very unwise position that a campaign is not a picnic, and that a little hardship, more or less, is of small moment. The veterans of the war seem also to have adopted the same view, and at the Grand Army Encampment last week, when Governor Pingree, after a few references to the sufferings of the soldiers, began a sentence with "If the Secretary of War," his audience of 15,000, believing he was about to condemn that old comrade, rose to their feet and hooted him from the platform. After the Governor had left the hall in a huff the secretary, at his request, read from his manuscript the rest of the sentence, and since this gave not blame but praise to the administration, a committee was sent in haste to the railroad station to ask him to return. But Pingree is also an old veteran, and as peppery and as obstinate as any of them, and would not be appeased. Even in their ashes live their wonted fires, and these bowed and scarred and halt survivors of the great war, are still as foolishly hasty as when, 35 years ago, they were learning to shoulder arms and stand at ease. But almost in every village of the Union there is now raging between the veterans and the conservatives on the one side and the furloughed soldiers and their sympathisers on the other this same heated controversy as to whether the youngsters have the right to grumble. Those of us who are old enough, however, remember that these veterans, when they were in the toils themselves grumbled, and even louder than these their sons and nephews.

But the times have changed, and the tone of public opinion shows that regard not merely for the life but for the comfort and self-respect of the individual is much higher than it was in the sixties. As matter of fact, the death rate in this war has been extraordinarily light. Up to date, after nearly five months of camp life, among 272,000 men, there have been less than 1000 deaths, and one-third of those have been in battle or from fatal wounds. But it is certainly true that scores —perhaps at a rough guess, founded upon the experiences of three typical, separated regiments—200 of those deaths might have been avoided if every transport had been like the model hospital ship, the Relief, and no one anywhere had at any time blundered. Probably the mistakes in the army are blamed the more because they stand out in such vivid relief against the matchless record of that most perfectly organised machine, the New Navy. All the men lost in two great sea-battles, Manila and Santiago, in which the foe lost nearly 1000 killed and more than 2000 prisoners, can be counted upon the fingers of one hand, with the thumb or the little finger to spare; and although the ships, especially the monitors, are in a tropical climate mere ovens, there have been no outbreaks anywhere of ship-fever, or scurvy, or any other ailment, however slight, of any kind. But every man aboard, willy-nilly, and simply for the comfort of those who have to sleep within a few feet of him, is forced to take a daily bath, and an officer tastes almost every dish served out from the galley, and "woe worth the cook" whose potatoes are hard or sodden, or whose coffee is flat from over-boiled water, or whose salt horse still smacks too evidently of the brine. Of the tens of thousands of letters from the front published in the country newspapers, not one from a "Jackie" has yet appeared complaining of his officers or the Government, though lots of them damn the climate and the trickiness of the Spanish smugglers and gunboats, and above all the hard luck of being stationed somewhere out of the possibility of being in one of those nerve-stirring fights which crowd into a single hour, or less—for the Santiago fight, except for the two ships, Oregon and Brooklyn, lasted only 40 minutes—the sensations of 10 years of ordinary life. Then, too, the "Jackie" gets nearly double the pay of the soldier, and is petted and encouraged in all sorts of ways. It is the policy of the Government to make much of him.

Speaker Reed, although a Republican, has always been opposed to what is called the policy of "expansion;" and it is in some quarters, especially Democratic, hailed as significant that in his district alone has the Republican majority been greater than before. The current is perhaps forcing the country into assuming the responsibility of governing alien and unlike peoples, but every such step is taken reluctantly. The old-fashioned American, whether Republican or Democrat—though, of course, especially the Democrat—has a horror of conquest and expansion and new partnerships, and "entangling alliances." Here, under his very eyes, are the West Indies, rich beyond the dreams of avarice in natural fertility. The islands are owned by several European owners, and one such owner, England, is held up by the advocates of the new policy as an exemplar and model. Yet none of the owners—England no more than the rest—are now making a profit out of these possessions. The white people of Jamaica, England's principal island, are indeed petitioning to be allowed to annex themselves to the United States, not because they like the United States so well as England, but because only by incorporation with the mainland to which they belong by natural bond can they hope to secure free entry for their sugar and spices and fruits; and the only persons who seriously protest against this are the negroes, in whose eyes even the English Gov Eyre is better than the American Judge Lynch. And how, ask the Jeffersonian Democrats, can the Philippines be more profitable to American than Jamaica and Barbadoes are to the English taxpayers? Of course, in all such cases, certain office-holders would get large incomes; but how can this help the country at large, unless the "subject-peoples" add more to the general treasury than they take from it? But in the case of the West Indies that is certainly not now possible. And with Porto Rico and Hawaii already on his hands, Uncle Sam is by no means eager to take more sugar countries into his domain: Porto Rico alone, within a very few years, will be able to produce 400,000,000lb. a year, and that will go a great way towards satisfying the home market. At any rate, the task of inoculating the American people with the "lust of conquest" is not an easy one; and it is quite possible that, just as the nation has been keyed up to the point of adopting this new policy, there will be a revulsion of feeling that will carry it back nearly, if not quite, into the old safe and happy path of isolated development. It is very significant that the President offered the fifth seat in the Peace Commission to at least a dozen Democrats in turn, and although the honorarium will be large—probably 25,000dol. for each member—not one would accept it, when coupled with the condition that he must vote, if the Cabinet so determine, for the retention of the Philippines. The Democrat at last appointed, Senator Gray, of Delaware, is not in good party standing, and has no hope of a re-election. He enjoys the distinction of having been the one solitary Senator who supported Mr. Cleveland to the last; and he was compelled to decline the Supreme Court Judgeship which Mr. Cleveland offered him, and for which his admitted great learning and ability eminently fitted him, simply because, standing alone in this way, the offer wore too plainly the appearance of a payment for services rendered. Only a few weeks ago he voted against the annexation of Hawaii; and if, as a peace commissioner, he should insist upon keeping the flag raised in all places where the tide of conquest has carried it, he will stultify a hitherto consistent political record.

In any case, the President plainly means to be ready to keep the Philippines at all hazards, if Congress shall so determine. Although General Merritt, before leaving Manila for Paris, telegraphed that no more troops were needed, regiment after regiment is being despatched to the half-way house of Honolulu; and not only is Admiral Dewey's request for a battleship to be gratified by sending him the Texas for a flagship, but also the Oregon and Iowa—which, as Americans believe, are the two best fighting-ships afloat—go to Hawaii. There is also another battleship almost completed in the San Francisco yards, and these four superb creations, manned by American gunners, and supported by the monitors, Monadnock and Monterey, already at Manila, would make short work of the plebeian mob of second or third rate war craft composing the Asiatic squadrons of all the European Powers except England and Japan. There are food and ammunition at Manila for many months, and then there are submarine mines, and there will soon be also dynamite batteries, and perhaps one or two other entirely original innovations in defensive warfare. Less than a year ago, Prince Henry of Germany, at Hongkong, needlessly put a slight upon the President of the United States, which Admiral Dewey resented so earnestly that a written apology was sent to him by the Prince. But if an opportunity should present itself to emphasise the fact that an American President is entitled to at least the same honours as a Kaiser, ruling over half as many men, Admiral Dewey will now have the means, and he certainly has the will, to make the most of it. And Samoa, so to speak, is within a stone's throw of the Philippines—that is, within a week's run—and there also, as at Manila, the tension between the two countries seems to have nearly reached the breaking point. The best hope of continued peace, however, is in the fact that war would mean ruin to scores, and perhaps hundreds, of thousands of Germans who, in spite of the Dingley Bill, still minister to the carnal appetite and the æsthetic taste of the eight millions of their Transatlantic kinsmen with sausages and long pipes and church furniture, and other distinct and not-to-be-imitated Teutonic productions. And then, too, the German junker, like many an Irish landlord, gets a part of his income, by no means despicable, from the transplanted connections of his unhappy dependants, moved by pity to remember those who have been left in the house of feudal bondage. At each Christmastide almost two millions of pounds sterling are sent abroad through the New York Post Office in small sums, and nearly all of it, after giving a momentary glow of satisfaction to its transient recipients, finds a permanent home in the landholder's pocket.

At Quebec, the Anglo-American conference has been very industrious, but without result, and, it must now be confessed, without any very strong and abiding hope of reaching a result. The squabbles about fisheries and boundary lines are merely flags under which the two parties muster—of little value or importance in themselves, and useful only as rallying points. The real issue is whether the Canadian farmer shall sell his eggs and his barley, and the American manufacturer his sheetings and his small-tooth combs, without let or hindrance upon both sides of the border. If all obstructions were broken down, both sides would benefit enormously. But Uncle Sam will not consent that Great Britain shall have the same trade rights upon this continent as himself, and, of course, much less a preferential treatment such as Canada now yields to her European lord. There are most potent political reasons why, if possible, even at the cost of a temporary concession to English manufacturers, an agreement should be reached, but these may, after all, prove to weigh less than the imperative demand for home supremacy in what, as Americans look at it, ought to be, even if it is not yet in fact, the home market. Lord Herschell, probably, intimately as he knows a particular set of Americans worth knowing, has been astonished at the sudden evocation from hidden deeps of a bitterness and hostility whose very existence he had never even suspected. But he and two, or perhaps three, of the American Commissioners, and possibly one, or even two, of the Canadians, believe that a final agreement is possible—or to be exact and to quote the words of Commissioner Foster (the American expert diplomat, who negotiated the peace treaty between China and Japan, and took a fee of 50,000dol., but declined a proffered double fee for the service), "nothing has yet intervened to preclude the possibility of a final agreement." But, if after all, no agreement is reached, the outlook of another long series of squabbles and menaces is not pleasing. And, as is reported, apparently with authority, the Canadians will agree to no partial agreement; Sir Wilfrid Laurier now insists, probably wisely, that either all things or nothing shall be settled. This, however, in plain English would force the United States to admit that the tie between an American State and a European suzerain—declared by even Mr. Cleveland's Secretary of State to be "unnatural and inexpedient"—has the sanction of unconditional assent. Nothing of that kind could possibly pass by a two-thirds vote, or by a majority, or even by a one-third vote, through the Senate. American supremacy upon the American continent is, at Washington, simply one of the indisputable axioms of action. Russia foresaw this, and withdrew from what she regarded as a hopeless contest. But England, not unnaturally, looks upon American supremacy as, in a vague sort of way, a supremacy in which she has a share, and is not altogether a stranger, for her most devoted American subjects are the United Empire Loyalists, descended from the monarchist refugees of the revolution. Still, how petty and small all these considerations seem in the presence of that "stream of events" which rushes on utterly deaf and careless to the appointed goal! Financially, the Government is now absurdly strong; it has, as the Bowery boys say, "money to burn." The new taxes, though hardly felt by anybody, and certainly complained of by no one—produce almost enough to pay the current war expenses. As is computed, they are at present only two-thirds as much as the ordinary taxes of an English citizen; and the difference between what Englishmen and Americans pay for the support of their Government would in one year make the American navy stronger than the English. The maintenance of it, when made, is of course another matter, for official wages in the two countries vary very greatly. When what may be called not unjustly the debauch of the war has got out of our heads, all those matters will probably be considered very carefully—for certainly the army will be doubled and the navy tripled, or even quadrupled. To outside Powers, however, the question might reasonably suggest itself, How large a navy or army could the United States support if it chose to resent in that way the insults of certain not-to-be-named monarchical countries? So far from being less than it once was, the bitterness between "sovereign citizens" and persons of various feudal rank is greater than ever; and the "insolence of princes," in at least one case, may possibly cost subjects dear. But the quarrel between monarchy and representative institutions need not now be reopened; a generation hence, the contest being narrowed, as it practically is now, to America and Europe, the statistics of the struggle will tell their own story.

The retiring Secretary of State, Mr. Day, is a type of American whom the other branches of the English-speaking race do not easily comprehend. He was the personal friend of Mr. M'Kinley, and at his urgent request took charge, as Assistant-Secretary of State, of the Cuban business, and when the nominal Secretary got "huffed" and resigned, the assistant reluctantly took his place. But he did not, and could not like the ostentation which prevails even under, this administration; and as soon as the war was over, he insisted upon being released. No man as Secretary of State had been more successful. Upon one occasion, too, in his silent way, he angered the Austrian Ambassador into violent and unbecoming language; and then casually remarked to another diplomat that the man would get his passport in the morning. Not a wink did that Austrian Ambassador sleep that night, and he was waiting at the State Department in his carriage the next morning for the door to open and to present his apologies. But Mr. Day does not like this kind of life, nor has he the foolish wish to live in history as a successful politician; and, in the role of chairman of the Peace Commission, he will no doubt simply be acting as the spokesman of the President. After that, instead of standing in the eye of the public as the successor to the throne—as the Secretary of State is after the Vice-President—he will accept a Judgeship, and will, in the pretty long intervals between work, amuse himself with his farm and garden and books. Hardly anywhere else in the world would anyone lay down thus lightly the charge of the external business of 80 millions of people—at any rate, when pressed to continue in office. But in America such men are by no means rare.

THE NEWSBOYS' PICNIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue to-day it appears that some gentlemen of the press have been held up to public censure by a minister of religion for giving some newsboys a few happy hours of recreation, for this reason, and that the occasion chosen therefor was the Day of Rest. I will refrain, Sir, from expressing my thoughts on the action of the rev. gentleman, lest I should be considered wanting in that spirit of charity which, though St. Paul tells us it is the chief of virtues, is so often conspicuous by its absence, and I will content myself with mentioning the way in which the action of the persons thus rebuked struck people other than the rev. gentleman.

The newsboys of this city are bred in slums. Slum morals and manners are their education. They often spring from the lowest of the low, and have to fend for themselves from their earliest years. Of all children in the community these, perhaps, have the least of those advantages which would enable them to grow up into useful citizens instead of rogues and vagabonds. They are flung into the rough and tumble of life to suffer in infancy that hardness of the world from which more fortunate children are carefully shielded till they have strength of mind and body to meet it with. Anyone who can touch the heart of such boys by showing them that, hard as their life may be, it is not all hardness for them, that they have brothers ready to receive them as guests, and show them kindness, goes the right way to raise them up and do them lasting good. May not the Lord's Day be consecrated to such work? Yes, and with far better result than by any quantity of preaching at them. Surely if it be lawful to pull an ox from the pit on the Sabbath day it is lawful to stretch out a hand to a child to save him from some of the many pitfalls that surround his steps.

October 24. I am, &c., H. T. D.

OUR PARIS LETTER.

PARIS, Sept. 11.

The inspiration to write about anything else is submerged by the overwhelming duty of recording the tragedy of *yesterday* in its strictly Parisian sense. It is difficult to understand the terrible weight upon me as I send my monthly chronicle. The Empress of Austria to us was a household word. The "Three Graces" were, after Queen Victoria, the beloved women of Europe. As I sat this morning in the Passionist English-speaking church of the Avenue Hoche the beautiful mirage of the past came before me. There was the catafalque, with the Imperial Crown of the Hapsburgs upon it. The grief-stricken sister of the murdered Empress sobbed aloud. The ex-Queen of Naples has lived here since she fought for her throne amid her soldiers of Gaeta. Her husband, the loyal but simple-minded Francis, died a year or two ago, leaving her to the crowned widowhood and exile of the Hotel Vouillemont. The other sister was that saintly Duchesse D'Alencon, of the House of Orleans, who would not leave the fire of the Bazar de la Charité last year until the maidens of French blue blood were safe out of its clutches. Brave daughter of kings, a victim of alms-giving and of dove-like resignation. It must be confessed that for those who live in this capital, which of late has been more biblical than gay, the thoughts which crowd in upon the soul are too solemn for utterance. To begin with, the father of these three wondrous women was that King Maximilian of Bavaria, chiefly known by the strange excrescence upon his forehead and his morganatic union with Lola Montes. I happened to meet the ex-Queen not long ago at the house of an American lady, and she told me in her unassuming way, much of the triple girlhood at that paternal palace. The Duchesse D'Alencon was the original bride intended for Franz Josef. One day, however, he met Elizabeth in the garden, and Austro-Hungarian history was changed. "My sister, the Duchesse D'Alencon," the ex-Queen playfully added, "had another chance of being a Queen. Ludwig of Bavaria fell madly in love with her, but his courtship took the form of sending her wild messages by cavalry orderlies in the dead of the night. Then came fits of wild jealousy, during which my sister's portrait was flung by royal command into the lake of Starnberg, the scene of his own fatal plunge. The Duchesse used to say that as he drowned his doctor with him a similar fate might have overtaken his Queen-consort." But all this is mere desultory comment. My last view of the gracious "Countess of Hohenembs" was in 1896 at Biarritz. My mission was rather complex. By the kindness of Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, our Ambassador at Madrid, I had managed to approach the Queen Regent of Spain and the boy King. There was no mystery about the pleasant task, which was merely to collate, under high auspices, the impression of every European queen who had visited our own gracious Sovereign. I was blue with cold on my return journey when I reached Biarritz, where I found two letters at the Hotel d'Angleterre, the first from a lady of honour of Queen Nathalie, with an unpronounceable Danubian name, and the other from the courteous baron, who for so long has been the guide of his august sovereign Elizabeth in her climbs and dreaming rambles. I found the wife of King Milan—if she will pardon me the expression—rather curt and diffident. Her conjugal troubles naturally accounted for this. But, oh! the grace and sweetness of the Austrian Empress and Queen of the Magyars. The conversation is worth repeating to-day. She said,—"I shall never forget Queen Victoria. As a Catholic Sovereign I had forgotten the Sunday, and I thought I was quite justified, after leaving mass at the Bavarian church, Warwick-street, in dashing down from Paddington to Windsor. Your Queen received me with open arms, excusing the cold lunch on the ground that she was due at St. George's chapel for afternoon service. I must have turned crimson with shame. But Victoria kissed me, and sent me back in the royal carriages to Slough. Before we got to the station a storm-cloud broke over us, and the railway officials had to put planks down on the platform to prevent us wading ankle-deep in torrents and puddles. The express was an hour late and we reached Claridge's drenched to the skin. There an affectionate telegram of condolence awaited me." The life of the Empress Elizabeth was one long picturesque idyll. The story of the Andrassy flirtation was a myth, as Count von Beust—who did not like her—told me, founded upon a womanly sentiment of hero-worship. In defining her character she is best pourtrayed as a great horsewoman under the firmament of heaven and a broken-hearted patriot. So much for her public life, which was finally embittered by Sadou. Of her hearth and home the world knows the tragedy of Myerling, which wrenched her beloved son Rudolph from her, and in the past, the grief of her brother-in-law Maximilian's execution in Mexico. Will she be buried at Corfu, the sepulchre of her sorrowful desire? May she rest in peace, and may her memory be recorded amongst those brave and pure women to whom the epitaph of "end of the century" may be appended.

France cannot lay her hands upon a Minister of War who will take the risk of opening the charnel-house of the General Army Staff. The suicide of Colonel Henry revealed so much that the dregs still left are positively alarming. General de Boisdeffre, who countersigned the Franco-Russian "alliance," is prostrate with illness since the discovery of Henry's forgery, which has multiplied the Dreyfus forces so immeasurably that by hook or by crook the overhauling of the evidence given in 1894 becomes imperative.

Egypt, unless Captain Marchand and his many men show fight at Fashoda, now belongs to England. The German Emperor's wire of congratulation to the Sirdar clinched the affair as far as Berlin is concerned. No Chauvinist visionary would suppose after that that Germany intended to put spokes in the wheels of Great Britain. Seeing that Russia has indulged in the confidence trick of asking France to a gathering of the Powers with her lost provinces, and the treaty of Frankfort as a necessary prelude, there is little hope left in that direction. Cronstadt, Toulon, Cherbourg, Chalons—all the festivals to which Felix Faure was invited, have nearly dragged down France to the position of a second-class Power. Count Mouravieff is of course a Germanis. Still, all this does not give us the forecast of the honest wrestling between France and England which must ensue. Haughtiness on either side would be out of place. The Niger Commission sufficiently proved that French and English officers on the spot have no intention of jumping on one another. France cannot colonise, and there is an end of it. Even her efficacy in Europe is blunted by the effulgent pilgrimage of the new Charlemagne to Jerusalem. Her atheistic rulers have had to supplicate *Leo XIII.* to issue an encyclical declaring that even if Palestine admits the Ottoman Pope Abdul-Hamid and the Lutheran Patriarch William, there is no intention of withdrawing the Oriental protectorate of Eastern Christians to which the French Republic clings in common with St. Louis, Charles X., and Napoleon I. The Kaiser's game is to obtain a coign of vantage in Syria. Depend upon it this will be settled at the next European Conference, whether that means peace or war.

The trial of the noblemen-burglars is over, and the "Marquis" Caze de Berzieux is sentenced to 15 years' penal servitude. The disclosures only proved that the son of Robert Caze, the novelist, was at the head of a syndicate which, being found out, is no longer able to plot house-breaking sandwiched with murder in the event of emergency. The court was full of pallid young swells, whose parents must be shuddering just now over their escape from the galleys. The French police make the mistake of not plucking the flower of these nurses of crime, and one cannot help thinking that their tolerance spells blackmail. The upper strata of French middle-class life is corroded by the iniquity of legacy laws. In plain language, a French father—unless he makes a number of complex ante-mortem arrangements—cannot disinherit a son. The same remark applies to everything parental in the way of wealthy aunts, uncles, or other kinsfolk. The result is that French youth just now snaps its fingers at the elders who must cut up in the "question d'heritage." When I came to Paris many years ago I lived opposite an hospital, and scalding tears of admiration welled up from the salt corners of my heart as I watched the loving mobs on visiting days. That delusion has gone. There is always something hanging to the toes of French relatives when they turn up. If they live long enough to baffle hungry expectancy and pawning of reversionary interests, there is nothing left but to live on crime. This is the moral of the Caze trial.

The oppressive and exceptional heat has broken and the Nouveau Cirque has started with a wondrous autumn programme. The chief "number" on the bill is the picturesque boar hunt, which contains elements of talent and fun, with water effects, and some splendid realism, seasoned by the adventures of an English "milord" with a lazy and bibulous nigger groom. When one adds that Chocolat and Footlit are the heroes of this outburst of buffoonery, Australians who have visited Paris may imagine the rest. Another big feature is "Le Sulky," a fantastic series of trotting-car equestrianism by M. Laszewski. The car is the first example of a bent swivel harness, leaving the horses movements free, and is startlingly primitive. The cycling polo match drove the whole velo-audience of Paris into enthusiastic frenzy. The ball is shot with tricky ability to the goal without any appliances beyond the ordinary bicyclette. There were four champions. Two, Messrs. Wood and L. P. Taylor, taking white as their colour, the other two, Messrs. H. Irving and E. Slater, pedalling under a blue standard. Circus entertainments are triumphant in the French capital, even if they fall flat in London, and yet the cast is quite English, under the direction of the courteous M. Houcke, who is a sort of 'Gus Harris in his lavish expenditure and attention to details.

Poor M. D'Ennery, the patriarchal playwright of the century, is once more dangerously ill. At the age of four score and eight he has been further smitten by the death of his loving and refined wife, whose funeral took place yesterday at St. Honore d'Eylau.

"Lovelace," the new piece by M.M. Jules Barbier and Choudens, is announced for Thursday.

Mme. Jane Hading is starting for a world-wide tour. She writes to me at the last moment to contradict the statement that her toilettes are to be exhibited. The contract was already signed by her intelligent manager, M. Dorval. But it has been cancelled at the urgent request of the fair "leading lady" of the troupe.

OUR NEW GUINEA LETTER.

SAMARAI, Oct. 3.

The lugger Lysander returned from Mambare last evening. She brought no passengers. The Ivanhoe schooner arrived this morning from the same place with four passengers.

There are now 250 miners on the Gira, and from the reports received all are doing a little, and many very well. The fact that only men who have done well, and purpose going to Australia for a change, have left the field, speaks well for its prospects. It is strange, however, that not one man whom I have interviewed has a good word to say for the Gira. One has it that the field is worked out, and that fresh ground will have to be opened. The latter half of this proposition goes without saying, the first part of it is scarcely in accordance with existing facts. The whole extent of the country along the slopes of Mount Albert Edward and between the present workings and the foot of that huge mountain mass is composed of slate and quartz, and the whole of it is practically untouched. Given good gold-bearing country on the Gira the chances are very strongly in favour of important gold finds at other spots over this large extent of country. The boundary between British and German territory lies 24 miles north of the present workings, and this allows ample room for a large goldfield. There is now a sufficient number of miners on the spot to prospect a large area of country, but the paucity of carriers militates against operations being carried on over any extended area. Native carriers are now paid for at the rate of £5 per head, delivered at the Tamata Government station, and very few are obtainable even at that high figure. The natives of the South Coast will not hear of going to Mambare, and this is scarcely to be wondered at in view of the number that have succumbed to dysentery and fever in that part of the country. It is said that the dysentery is owing to the entire disregard of all sanitary laws by black and white alike. Of course the latter are responsible, but no one who has not experienced the filthy habits of these Papuans can have the slightest conception of the state of a camp after 15 or 20 Papuans have occupied it for a few days. Now, however, the miners are taking steps to prevent this disregard of sanitary laws. There is very little doing at Woodlark, but one or two claims are still paying well.

At Sudest the company is putting through what is said to be the best crushing raised since the opening of the mine.

We have quite a fleet of shelling vessels here, and all the boats are on shell, and are doing fairly well. The shell is of first quality, the price per ton here being £80.

On the 24th ultimo a Japanese diver, in the employ of Messrs. Anderson Brothers, was paralysed, and died on the 25th.

The indiarubber industry is in a state of suspension. With the exception of a few coloured people Mr. F. W. Walker has the whole of the South Coast in his own hands. Practically the rubber has been untouched, and it is to be hoped that when the awakening comes steps will be taken to preserve the rubber-yielding trees. The magnificent Luga-bohi-bohi is well-nigh exterminated, and it will prove a difficult matter to obtain seeds or seedlings for plantations.

The Bishop of British New Guinea has paid us a visit. He held a service, and animadverted very severely on the disregard of Sabbath observance by shellers and traders alike.

The Anglican mission is working away with a will, and will soon extend for a considerable distance up the North-east Coast.

The native tribes living on the Musa River lately raided the Maisina villages in Collingwood Bay, and massacred 15 coast people. There are no police here to deal with the murderers.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF SYDNEY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—There is no denying the fact that municipal affairs in Sydney seem to have got into a very bad state, and with a view to show a way out of the difficulty I will lay before your readers a similar state of muddle the municipal accounts were in more than 50 years ago in the city of Dublin, and how matters were rectified. Daniel O'Connell for some years previous to this was at times very severe in his strictures on "the rotten state of affairs of the Corporation of Dublin;" but with all his great ability, when he entered the Municipal Chambers, being elected as a town councillor, with a view to find out the frauds and mismanagement which were known to exist, he was completely nonplussed, although obtaining the position of Mayor. However, the citizens were sick and tired of the state of the municipal government of Dublin. Some of the leading men of all denominations in the city met and went into the matter thoroughly, taking down a list of names of gentlemen who pledged themselves to go as candidates for the position of town councillors at the next municipal elections. Amongst the number were Benjamin Lee Guinness, senior partner of Guinness and Co., the celebrated porter brewers; John Jameson, proprietor of Bow-street Distillery; William Pim, one of the senior partners of Pim Brothers; and a lot of such gentlemen, all wealthy business men, about 20 in all.

A meeting was then called, and the citizens were told the state of affairs as then existed in the Dublin corporation, and that their only chance of having matters set right was to oust the present members and elect in their stead the gentlemen who pledged themselves to come forward and establish a reformed corporation. The meeting promised to elect the gentlemen whose names were placed on a list for the different wards of the city, and they faithfully kept their word. All hope was then centred in Mr. William Pim, a Quaker gentleman, who was the prime mover in this intended reform. Mr. Pim was a man of great experience, and as an accountant he was an expert, as well as possessing great constructive ability. He got a staff of six first-class men with him, went through the accounts as far as possible. He then struck out an entire new system of keeping the accounts. He gave up three years to this task, and when he had everything in proper working form he retired from the corporation. I knew Mr. William Pim well, as he was one of the partners of James Pim and Co., corn merchants, by whom I was employed for 13 years.

We want first-class business men to show their patriotism by offering themselves as candidates for the position of aldermen at the next municipal election for Sydney; and we want the citizens of Sydney to pledge themselves to return such men. I am satisfied we have men among us who, if returned, would act as Mr. William Pim did in Dublin, go thoroughly through the books of the corporation with a competent staff for the duty, and afterwards inaugurate a proper system of accounts. This is the wisest course to pursue. Royal Commissions in such cases prove futile. The work should be thoroughly done.

October 25. I am, &c., W. ELLARD.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I was very pleased with the outspoken, clear, and eloquent way in which several of the employers of manual labour spoke at the meeting at the Chapter House on Monday last upon the pressing social questions of the day. But while complaining that the Churches (presumably they meant the clergy) failed to improve the condition of the employee, not one of the speakers showed in what way they could help them. It was contended that machinery and competition were injurious to wages, and tended to destroy industrial co-operation, and that the legal time of labour should be three hours per day. It is not clear how the clergy can condemn machinery or competition, or even advocate the "three-hours day" for manual labour, when they themselves, like doctors and labourers' wives, generally work 14 or 16 hours per day. If the employees will only sympathise more fully with the clergy, and agree among themselves what they desire, them reasonably to do to advance their interests, I feel sure the clergy will most willingly give them all the sympathy and help they desire.

I am, &c., ONE OF THE CLERGY.

There is a cafe in Venice which has never been closed, night or day, for 150 years.

CITY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The weekly meeting of the finance committee of City Council was held yesterday afternoon. There were present—The Mayor (Alderman M. Harris, M.L.A.), Aldermen Taylor, Lees, M.L.A., Landers, Small, Norton, Booth, Buckle, Fowler, M.L.C., J. Harris, Hart, Jessep, M.L.A., Hughes, Dean, H. Chapman, M.L.A., Waine, and Penny.

BLOCKING GEORGE-STREET.

Alderman Buckle called attention to the wood-blocking of George-street, between Market-street and Park-street. The contract was for the completion as far as Park-street, yet it had only been done as far as the end of the markets. The matter called for investigation.

Alderman Dean explained that as the work was done at schedule rates, and the council had only paid for what work had been done and nothing more, the whole affair was quite clear.

The City Surveyor explained that although the contract was to Park-street, yet as it was done at schedule rates, and it was necessary to go beyond the markets, he stopped the work at that point, saving the cost of the extra work, which was unnecessary.

A motion moved by Alderman Buckle that a committee should inquire into the matter was negatived by 11 votes to 4 votes.

REMITTED RATES.

Alderman Fowler drew attention to the fact that although Alderman Hughes had drawn attention to the remission of rates in the City Council, yet it was a fact that Messrs. Hughes and Hughes had asked for a reduction of rates in the Camperdown municipality for property as to which they had just entered into possession as mortgagees from £15 to £6.

Alderman Norton raised a point of order. The speech was wholly irrelevant.

The Mayor ruled the matter out of order.

PETITIONS.

Alderman Jessep presented 28 petitions, representing five Congregational churches, three Anglican churches, three Presbyterian, eight Wesleyan, five Baptist, and four Primitive Methodist churches, protesting against the action of the council in authorising an application for a publican's license for the Queen Victoria Markets.

Alderman Jessep presented a petition from the wholesale confectioners protesting against the hawkers' bylaws being applied to them; and a petition from citizens complaining of the great injustice arising from the prosecutions under the hawkers' bylaws.

The petitions were received, and referred to the officers for report.

SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENTS.

The committee decided to appoint Mr. T. E. Harris, a clerk in the city treasury department, to make a supplementary assessment.

ABSENCE OF AN ALDERMAN.

Alderman Norton called attention to the continued absence of Alderman Rainford, who had yet another three months to run before his seat could be declared vacant. It was not fair for Alderman Rainford to go away to Orange without resigning.

Alderman Fowler said he heard Alderman Rainford intended to resign, so that the election could take place when the other elections came on.

Alderman John Harris said that something should be done to prevent an alderman going so far away as Alderman Rainford had done, and engaging in an occupation which prevented his attendance at the council meetings. In the case of a Mayor, as soon as he crossed the border he ceased to be Mayor.

The Mayor said that it would not be wise for him to write to Alderman Rainford. As for himself, he might say he was going to Melbourne, and he would ask the council to appoint Alderman M. Chapman as locum tenens.

THE MAYOR.

Alderman Taylor moved,—"That Alderman M. Chapman be appointed as locum tenens for the Mayor during his absence in Melbourne."

The motion was agreed to.

TERRA COTTA LUMBER.

The Mayor laid on the table a report of Mr. George M'Rae, ex-city architect, on the terra cotta lumber used in the construction of the Queen Victoria Market buildings. He stated that before approving of the lumber he submitted it to a severe fire and water test, and found the material to be in as good condition after the test as before. Other tests were also made to his satisfaction.

Alderman Norton said that, in justice to Mr. M'Rae, he had to say he was satisfied after inspection that the terra cotta lumber was good. He had got experts to inspect the piece procured by the Mayor, and they found it was perfectly satisfactory.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The following statement of the financial position for the week ended October 25 shows the balances of accounts current at the Union Bank of Australia, Limited:—City fund account, dr. £110,129; suspense account (contractors' deposits and rates twice paid), cr. £1154; cattle saleyards account, cr. £13,150; public markets loan fund account, cr. £24,707; city fund suspense account, re Moore-street improvement, cr. £2319. Total bank balances: Dr., £110,129; cr., £41,331. Net bank balance, dr. £68,797.

MR. WANT'S DEFAMATION BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Although the above bill is largely one to consolidate the existing law of defamation and to assimilate the law here to that of England, yet as some of its provisions are of a far reaching character it behoves the members of the Legislative Assembly before passing it in its present form to well and thoroughly consider its effects and the evils of the existing law which require to be remedied.

The first section which calls for remark is section 7, requiring the order of a Judge before prosecuting for libel the proprietor, &c., of any newspaper. There appears no reason why a newspaper proprietor should be more privileged in this respect than any other member of the community. In fact, if anything, the law should be more careful to guard against libels appearing in newspapers than otherwise, since in its effects a newspaper libel is much more disastrous to the person libelled than any other class by reason of its wide circulation and the extra weight which words have when appearing in a public print. The libel contained in a private document is read by comparatively few, whilst that published in a newspaper can and is likely to be read by everybody. This section further provides that on the application for such order to a Judge the accused person shall have an opportunity of being heard. This further hampers any complaint by largely increasing the initial expenses of instituting criminal proceedings.

Section 13 extends the defence of privilege to fair and accurate newspaper reports of public meetings, &c., subject to several provisions, of which the most important limits the protection to matters of public concern published for the public benefit. According to the present law the defendant must further prove that the matter complained of is true before he can successfully plead privilege. It can easily be seen how wide are the possible effects of such an alteration of the law.

In so far as it applies to the reports of public meetings this section needs careful consideration. Though the greatest portion of the press of New South Wales is respectable, and is legitimately conducted, yet there are some papers which live on libel, and it is against these papers that the public must be protected. A newspaper proprietor wishing to libel a man need only (as long as it is done secretly) arrange with some co-conspirator to convene such a meeting as will come within the definition of public meeting contained in this bill, send some men of straw there to utter slanderous statements on matters of public concern, and which, if true, would be for the public benefit, and give a fair and accurate report of the proceedings.

Again, leaving out of question respectability of a newspaper proprietor, how easy it would be for the private libeller, by speaking at public meetings, to ensure, by newspaper report, a wide circulation for his slanderous words.

If there is a duty cast on newspaper proprietors to expose abuses, it is no less their duty to see that no innocent man suffers through the publication of their papers, and they should not require legislation to enable them to shirk this duty of carefully examining, by themselves or competent reporters, everything which they publish.

The argument that the respectable portion of the press should not be restricted in its privileges because the other portion is not respectable is most fallacious; for carried to its logical conclusion it follows that because there are in the community honourable men who act conscientiously in all things no law which would in any way restrict or interfere with them should be passed merely to guard against the possible acts and dubious doings of dishonourable men. Quod est absurdum.

As the law at present exists the evil of which newspaper proprietors mostly complain, and rightly so, is the blackmailing action; but this bill does not in any way attempt a remedy for this. The proper remedy for that evil is to enable a Judge on application made for that purpose, to order the plaintiff in any action for defamation, either to show a good cause of action or give security for the defendant's costs, and on the plaintiffs' failing to show a good cause of action or to give such security, to dismiss the action.

October 24. I am, &c., J. W. S. LUCAS.

"CHARITY ABUSED."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Doubtless many of your readers will remember that the present Government have from time to time distributed (through the agency of local charitable organisations) to the poorer classes of this city a very large number of blankets. Having done these charitable acts, the Government probably thought that its charity had been appreciated, and never troubled or thought that perhaps in a very large number of cases the blankets distributed had been pawned and disposed of by the recipients for a mere trifle, or in fact whatever they could get for them. I am certain that in some cases the blankets were of a beautiful quality, and were spotlessly clean and had never been used; yet, they have been disposed of for the smallest sum obtainable. I ask what right have these articles so given in charity to be hypothecated in an indiscriminate manner, and as the Government of the day are in possession of the report of the police on this matter, why are not instructions issued to pawnbrokers to detain such blankets and hand them to the police?

October 24. I am, &c., W. B. M'FARLAN.

DON'T LOOK OLD.
With advancing years greyness increases. Stop this with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

THE LABOUR BUREAU AND WAGES.

Referring to the statement made in Parliament on Thursday night that the Labour Bureau was cutting down wages and sending carpenters away to work at lower than market rates, a representative of the "Herald" waited upon the superintendent of the bureau to ascertain what the records of the bureau showed. Mr. Creer, in the course of an interview, stated that the department had never sent away a carpenter, nor ever had been asked for a carpenter, at 6s 6d or 7s per day. Several bridge carpenters had been found situations at 9s, general rough carpenters at 8s, and house carpenters at 10s, and the last batch of the latter sent away also had their fare paid. Regarding married couples, Mr. Creer stated that he had applications for these at £55 per year, but that these were rarely filled. He had sent away many couples at £100 down to £65, but very few at £55 a year, and in every case where the employer offered such a small sum the bureau submitted the matter to the persons first on the list, and if these refused the empoyer was informed that the sum offered was inadequate. In most cases the result of this had been that a larger sum was offered. There was no truth in the assertion that men were told to "clear out" if they refused such small wages. The bureau never attempts any dictatorial business of this kind. It acts as an agent between the two parties without charge, and safeguards the interests of the men in a way that no other labour agency does. The hundreds of letters of thankfulness filed in the bureau from both employers and labourers testify to the general feeling for the bureau amongst the willing workers. To-day the sixth batch of 80 old men for the painting work at the Centennial Park will be selected. The wages will be 5s per day. Some idea of the number of men available on the bureau books for this kind of work can be obtained when it is noted that this sixth batch of 80 does not bring the names round to the first lot again. The work will last a fortnight.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE.

Foreign Orders and Medals.—The revised regulations regarding the acceptance by British subjects of foreign orders and medals have been received by the Governor from the Secretary of State for the Colonies and are gazetted.

Pastures and Stock Protection Acts.—The provisions of the Pastures and Stock Protection Act and the Stock Protection Act Amendment Act are applied to the destruction of crows and eaglehawks in the Wagga sheep district for a period of five years.

Appointment.—Major the Hon. G. L. Bryan, late Prince of Wales' 10th Hussars, has been appointed to be an extra aide-de-camp to the Governor.

Reward.—A reward of £25 will be paid by the Government, in addition to a reward of £25 offered by the Australian Mutual Fire Insurance Company, for information leading to the conviction of the person or persons who on September 14 set fire to a cottage owned by Mary Ann Rooke, and situated in Mossman-street, Armidale.

Public Holidays.—The following public holidays have been proclaimed:—District of Albury, Wednesday, 26th instant; districts of Tocumwal and Finley, Thursday, 27th instant; district of Blayney, Wednesday, 2nd proximo; district of Deniliquin, Wednesday, 16th proximo; electoral district of Shoalhaven, and districts Gerrigong, Broughton Vale, and Kangaroo Valley, Thursday, December 15.

Tramway Fares.—A new bylaw with regard to fares on the tramways is gazetted. It will come into force on November 1.

Reserves for Military Purposes.—An area of about 100 acres, county of Northumberland, parish of Kincumber, is reserved from sale pending the determination of the portions to be set apart for military purposes. An area of 1 rood 27 perches, county of Northumberland, parish of Newcastle, is similarly reserved.

CANOWINDRA POST-OFFICE.

A deputation from Canowindra waited upon the Postmaster-General yesterday to make representations as to the desirability of the Department adopting a site for a post-office recommended by the deputation in preference to one recommended by another party. The deputation was introduced by Mr. Waddell, M.L.A., and consisted of Mr. Hughes, M.L.A., Mr. David Storey, M.L.A., the Rev. E. Lethbridge, and Mr. W. M. Atkinson. The deputation advocated the adoption of a site in the new township in preference to a site in the old township.

The Postmaster-General said he would obtain another report on the matter, and he would instruct the officer making the inquiries to ascertain what the wishes of the business people in the old township were in regard to the matter. He would have to be guided by the wishes of the business people.

FOREST CONSERVANCY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I notice that a new Forest Bill is to be submitted to Parliament, and as I take a great interest in connection with all matters affecting the important question of forest conservancy I shall therefore esteem it a favour if you will kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to state in as concise a manner as possible some of my views on the subject, based upon actual experience gained during many years of practical forestry.

It would be superfluous for me to enter into the question of the vast wealth represented in our forests, their importance in relation to the physical, economic, and industrial influence they have upon our national prosperity, as I believe that this is generally conceded by all thinking persons who have given the matter any consideration.

The question of conserving our forests and re-foresting those that have been depleted, and at the same time making the Forest Department self-supporting, is one that I have given much thought to, and after mature consideration am thoroughly impressed that to carry out any practical system of forestry it is absolutely essential that the forest reserves should be permanently dedicated and administered on purely commercial lines as a valuable public asset vested in trust and beyond political influence.

If the forest reserves were administered by a department having full control over them, such portions that should not be required for planting purposes could be leased from time to time in suitable areas for grazing purposes, subject to the timber regulations, and with the proceeds derived therefrom and other fees it would be enabled to carry out a proper system of forestry.

A demand is springing up in Europe for our magnificent hardwood timbers, and no doubt as they become better known there will be a continually increasing demand; therefore we should endeavour to place our forests in a position to cope with it. But to do this will entail a considerable outlay of capital, and the department incurring the expenditure should derive the advantage which would arise from the increased grazing value given to the land through the improvements effected upon it.

Out of 200,000,000 acres (in round numbers) comprising the area of the colony, about 5,000,000 acres are supposed to have been reserved for timber purposes, but year by year this area is dwindling away as settlement advances, and pressure is brought to bear on the Lands Department, and unless these continued encroachments are checked there will be a very small area of forest lands left. It is computed that the total area of unalienated forest lands is about 20,000,000 acres, but the greater part is in such inaccessible places that the timber upon it is of no commercial value. I venture to say that probably not more than half of this area is well timbered, and doubtlessly ere long any accessible land comprised within it that is not included and dedicated as forest reserves will be taken up, if not for settlement, for the timber upon it—not an uncommon occurrence by any means.

When the enormous destruction of timber by ringbarking that has taken and is taking place is taken into consideration, and that alienation of land virtually means the destruction of timber, it must follow before long that the people will be thrown entirely upon the forest reserves for their future supply of timber for all purposes. I am therefore of opinion that the land set aside as forest reserves, comprising about 2½ per cent of the area of the colony, is far too small, and that it would be advisable to add to this area any lands containing timber of commercial value. In setting aside such land it should be borne in mind that it is with the object of making a wise provision for the people generally, and for the welfare of future generations. The land will not be alienated, but simply held in trust, and at a future time should it be thought advisable to resume any portion for other purposes it would be available.

No system of forestry can be of the slightest value (commercially speaking) that does not provide sufficient fees to pay at least the cost of supervision and replanting. These essential provisions form the basis of the forest laws in force in France, Germany, Norway, and other European countries. The receipts from our forest reserves should, under a proper system, after paying all working expenses of the department, make a valuable addition to the general revenue of the colony.

No doubt there are incongruities in our present forest regulations in regard to the rate of royalty charged on the various species of timber on different reserves, and other matters that require altering. No hard and fast rule can be laid down in regard to the rate to be charged upon any particular species of timber, as so much depends upon the facility of getting it, price of haulage to a mill, railway, or shipping port, &c. And, again, the same species of timber does not grow to the same size and quality in all parts of the colony. Therefore, what would be a fair rate of royalty for timber in one place would not be in another. The only way to arrive at anything like an equitable estimate as to the value of the various species of timber is to have the forest reserves carefully classed. It cannot be expected that regulations based upon their suitability to certain reserves would apply equally to all.

In conclusion, I beg to state that notwithstanding the disfavour in which the Forest Department has been held by many politicians, I consider it one of vast importance, on which thousands of our industrial population depend for profitable employment, and on which our future national prosperity to a great extent will depend.

October 24. I am, &c., JOHN A. MANTON.

P.S.—In looking over some statistical records, Mulhall gives the value of timber consumed yearly in Europe at £190,250,000, in the United States £77,400,000; and the quantity per inhabitant in Europe 41 cubic feet, in the United States 58 cubic feet; and states that timber and gold are almost the only articles that have not declined greatly in value in the last decade.

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Eczema, Psoriasis, and irritating Skin Disfigurements. Shilling bottles of Sulpholine—the English Lotion.—Advt.

MUNICIPAL COUNCILS.

ALEXANDRIA.

The Mayor (Alderman O'Riordan) presided over the last meeting of the Alexandria Council. There were also present: Aldermen Allen, Ralph, Moles, M'Cauley, Loveridge, Mancer, Banner, Furness, Taylor, and Swain. Before the usual business of the meeting was proceeded with the Mayor referred to the serious illness of Alderman Miller, and moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to him. The motion was carried unanimously. A letter was read from the Waterloo Council referring to the letters they had received from a public meeting on the question of the alleged want of adequate police protection for the district. The Waterloo Council stated that they had forwarded a letter to the Inspector-General of Police on the subject, and suggested that the Alexandria Council should follow a similar course. A second letter on the same subject was read from a Mr. G. Henna, secretary of the public meetings which had taken place. The Mayor moved that the letters be received, and that the council co-operate, and also forward a letter to the Inspector-General. He said he had attended the public meetings, and agreed with the action taken. The police force was altogether inadequate. Alderman Allen seconded the motion, and it was carried unanimously.

ASHFIELD.

The council met on the 18th instant. The Mayor, Alderman F. J. Josephson, J.P., presided, and there were present: Aldermen Dougan, Upward, Broughton, Robson, Lloyd, Mills, Brown, and the clerk, Mr. T. Glassop. Dr. Sly's opinion as to council's liability in regard to the construction of bridges over street gutters was received. An opinion was received from the Colonial Secretary to the effect that the council cannot compel bicycle traffic to keep to the left side of the road when meeting vehicles, &c. Mr. J. Robertson presented the council with a large number of official records, Hansards, &c. The donor was accorded a vote of thanks on the motion of Alderman Upward, seconded by Alderman Mills. With reference to a letter from R. B. Cropley re a deputation to the Colonial Secretary on 27th instant, to urge the city railway extension to St. James'-road, it was decided to attend. A circular from the Hurstville Council re a Greater Sydney was received. A design for a pavilion for Ashfield Park at a cost of £88 was approved. It was decided to see the Postmaster-General, and point out the unsuitability of the piece of land selected for a post-office. A petition from ratepayers in Prospect-road, asking for the removal of a dairy, also for the construction of a stormwater drain, &c., was received and made an order of the day for next meeting. The works committee recommended improvements in Junction-road, Carlisle-street, and the acceptance of the dedication of Alma-street, provided residents contributed one-third of the cost.

BURWOOD.

The council met on the 17th instant. The Mayor (Alderman J. Haydon Carlew) presided, and there were present Aldermen Archer, M.L.A., Crane, Stinson, Shute, Hart, Ahearn, Ralston, and the council clerk, Mr. Simpson. The report of the East Castingford Progress Association was tabled. The Chief Secretary wrote in reply to the council's request for more police protection for the district, saying that the Inspector-General hoped to supply additional police when the Estimates were passed. Alderman Archer, M.L.A., announced that he had been unofficially informed that tenders for a lock-up for Burwood would shortly be called for. The report of the monthly meeting of the municipal association was tabled. An exhaustive opinion of counsel on the liability of the council in the construction of means of access to premises across footpaths was read and received. Referring to a gazetted notice of a request by persons living on an unincorporated portion of land near the Strathfield railway station that they should be attached to the borough of Concord it was decided to consider the matter in committee. Messrs. Stinson and the Mayor were appointed delegates to the council for the consideration of the unification and consolidation of municipal accounts and governments. Mr. R. B. Cropley wrote asking the council's aid in reference to the extension of the city railway—received. Aldermen Ahearn, Ralston, and Archer were appointed a committee to inspect certain parts of the borough needing improvement. The finance committee recommended that £110 5s 6d be paid out of the general account in liquidation of accounts, and £302 12s 6d from the gas account. The amounts to credit of the borough were £449 12s 11d general, £248 8s 4d gas, and £180 10s 3d sanitary. Complaint was made of the unsightly posters and bills at Croydon Station.

CABRAMATTA AND CANLEY VALE.

At the last meeting of the above council, the Mayor (Alderman Stimson) presiding, the Cabramatta Progress Association wrote requesting that Cumberland-street be cleared to provide a thoroughfare for the children attending the Public school. The matter was referred to the works committee for report. The Prospect and Sherwood Council wrote asking for an expression of opinion on a proposal emanating from that body for the establishment of a county council to embrace Parramatta and the surrounding districts. On the motion of the Mayor, seconded by Alderman Asimus, it was resolved,—"That this council does not favour the proposal, and that a reply be sent to that effect."

CAMPERDOWN.

A meeting of the above council was held on October 18. Present:—The Mayor (Alderman G. H. Sparkes), and Aldermen Porter, Morgan, M'Kay, Muir, Probert, M'Arthur, Cahill, and Larkin. The registrar of the University wrote in reply to council's letter of the 5th instant, informing council that instructions had been given for the removal of all refuse in the pond near St. John's College. Alderman M'Kay asked the following questions:—1. Is it possible for the inspector of nuisances, in addition to his other duties, to devote four hours of his time each day to driving the watercart for the purpose of watering Pyrmont Bridge-road and George-street? The Mayor replied that it was not possible. Alderman M'Kay asked, is it the intention of the Mayor to carry out the work of thoroughly repairing the Pyrmont Bridge-road in accordance with the recommendation of the works committee; if so, when? The Mayor replied that the work had already been commenced.

CANTERBURY.

The council sat on the 24th instant. The Mayor (Alderman S. R. Lorking) presided, and there were present:—Aldermen Seabill, Dennis, M'Bean, Stone, Brown, Quigg, Nicoll, and the council clerk (Mr. B. Taylor). The Water and Sewerage Board wrote in reference to the extension of a watermain in Tennyson-street that they could not recommend this work unless the council deposited a sum of £2 10s as a guarantee, but the council could not see its way to do this, as the street had not yet been taken over. A circular from the Hurstville Council re Greater Sydney was read and received, and the Mayor and Alderman Seabill were appointed delegates to attend the meeting to deal with the proposals. Alderman Quigg objected to the scheme, as he said it involved a policy of centralisation, and would be opposed to the spirit of local government. It was proposed by Alderman Dennis, and seconded by Alderman Stone, that the Postmaster-General be asked on what conditions he will cause a telephone bureau to be established at the Town Hall, Canterbury. The motion was carried, and the Mayor was asked to interview the Postmaster-General on the subject. Alderman Nicoll asked that a washaway of a dangerous character be attended to, and that repairs to streets in the East Ward should be carried out, as they had been recommended by the works committee. Alderman M'Bean drew attention to the bad state of patches on the Canterbury-road, from Princes-street to the junction. Alderman M'Bean tabled a notice of motion that the Mayor convene a public meeting to urge the extension of the railway from Belmore to Liverpool.

MANLY.

The Manly Council met on October 25, when the Mayor (Alderman F. C. Passau) occupied the chair, and there were present—Aldermen N. W. Montagu, A. J. P. Stevens, W. H. Fletcher, R. Keenan, Owen Carroll, and E. W. Quirk. Apology was tendered for Alderman E. Towns, who was absent through pressure of business. A letter of condolence was resolved to be written to Mr. J. G. Griffin, an ex-Mayor of Manly, and to Alderman C. G. Warburton, upon the sudden death of Mr. A. H. S. Griffin, the son and son-in-law of those gentlemen respectively. The growth of scrub in some of the streets where there are few buildings has drawn the attention of some property owners to the loss which a fire would cause in destroying valuable fences. Thus Messrs. Butler Brothers, W. Glen, and J. Deignan wrote asking that Reddall-street, on Fairy Bower, might be cleared of undergrowth for the above reason, and the council acquiesced. The rector of St. Matthew's wrote that he and his churchwardens, subject to the approval of the Archbishop, had no objection to an alteration in the alignment of the church property on the Corso frontage, as suggested by the council; but that, as a quid pro quo, they would require the church grounds to be filled in and levelled, and about 200 yards super. of tar-paving laid around the school-house. The proposition was referred to the works committee. The Inverell Council requested Manly to urge the local member (Mr. Dugald Thomson) to support the Width of Tires Act when it came before Parliament. The overseer of works reported that to lay a new 18in. pipe along Raglan-street, from Belgrave-street to the ocean, in order to cope with the rush of waters which now periodically floods properties at the corner of Belgrave and Raglan streets, would, with all connections, involve an outlay of £450. The report was referred to the committee. The engineer reported 1,687,500 gallons of water consumed in two weeks, and that there were now 671 connections to mains. Alderman Keenan drew attention to the state of the Corso, and asked that the road should be swept and gutters cleansed every morning, and that it should be watered four times each week. The Mayor stated that the Corso was now watered daily, and promised to see what could be done in the way of cleaning.

NORTH SYDNEY.

A meeting of the North Sydney Council was held on the 18th instant, at which the Mayor (Alderman F. Clarke) presided. There were also present Aldermen E. M. Clark, Enever, Garvan, H. Green, R. Moodie, Hodgson, Purves, Slack, and Thomson, and the clerk, Mr. W. Barnett-Smith. A minute by the Mayor dealing with the question of amalgamating and transferring the gangs of workmen on the streets of the borough, and the general carrying out of repairs, was referred to the works committee. It was decided to place a timber guard round the water trough in Alfred-street, near Cliff-street; and to reconstruct the retaining wall on the south side of Eastern Wharf-road, at an estimated cost of £140, upon condition that the North Shore Ferry Company contribute half the cost, copies of the specification and tenders to be first submitted to the company for approval. On the motion of Alderman Slack, seconded by Alderman Garvan, it was resolved,—"It being understood that a bill will shortly be submitted to Parliament asking that power be granted to the Water and Sewerage Board of Sydney to increase the rate of taxation for the sewerage service, this council is of opinion that, inasmuch as the existing rate is in itself excessive, every legitimate means should be brought into operation to prevent the passing of the bill in question, and that the member for the district be asked to exert his influence in opposing the measure;" also, "That a copy of the foregoing resolution be sent to each of the councils affected by the proposed bill, in view of inducing them to adopt similar action to that taken by this council."

PADDINGTON.

A meeting of the Paddington Council was held on the 24th instant, at which the Mayor (Alderman T. J. West) presided. There were also present Aldermen Arthur Walker, G. Walker, C. W. Oakes, M. E. S. Whysall, R. W. Usher, W. Brown, J. Lees, A. Pointing, J. Clampett, and the council clerk (Mr. A. Vialoux). Hurstville Council forwarded motion passed by that body with reference to the proposal for forming a greater Sydney, also requesting the council to appoint two representatives to meet in a conference upon the subject. Referred to a special meeting of the council. In the matter of the abolition of the Transit Commissioners the council clerk of Darlington wrote to the effect that the Darlington Council could not co-operate in the matter. Letters agreeing to co-operate were received from the Woollahra, Erskineville, North Botany, Drummoyne, Manly, Alexandria, Leichhardt, North Sydney, and Lane Cove councils.

REDFERN.

The newly elected Mayor, Alderman T. Clarke, M.L.A., upon taking his seat, for the first time, at the last meeting of the Redfern Council, received the congratulations of his brother aldermen. The Metropolitan Transit Board forwarded a copy of an application from J. G. Malouf to place an additional omnibus upon the Elizabeth-street route. It was decided to receive the letter, and to advise that the request be complied with. The Northern Assurance Company wrote, with reference to the council declining to redeem certain debentures in London instead of Sydney. The company took strong objection to the decision of the council, and asked for it to be reconsidered. A special report was furnished by the electrician of the borough in regard to the damage to the lighting plant caused by the recent fire. The report set out that on account of the destruction of the poles and electric lighting mains the consumers beyond that section were cut off from their supply. On the Monday after the fire new poles, cross-arms, insulators, and mains were erected, so that consumers were practically only on Saturday and Sunday nights without the light. Some street lamps were also rendered inoperative by the burning down of the street lampposts, wires, and brackets. Six consumers had been lost to the council through their premises having been destroyed by the fire. The estimate of the damage to plant was £94; replacement, £87; temporary arc light supply, £3. The report was adopted.

ROOKWOOD.

The regular meeting of the council was held on October 18. Present: The Mayor (Alderman Jay), and Aldermen Garthwaite, Ritchie, Larcombe, Javes, Douglass, and Dundon. Mr. John Nobbs, M.L.A., forwarded a copy of the regulations for that portion of the cemetery set apart for unsectarian burials, and asked if the council had any suggestions to offer. The matter was referred to a committee of the whole. The Mayor and Alderman Hartwell were appointed to represent the council at a meeting of delegates convened by the Hurstville Council to consider the formation of a City and Suburban County Council. It was also decided to co-operate with Prospect and Sherwood Council in a public meeting to discuss a proposal to form a Parramatta and District County Council.

RANDWICK.

The last meeting was held on October 25, the Mayor (Alderman William Houston) presiding, and the following were also present: Aldermen E. Hawes, J. Hundock, T. Flood, G. Gale, T. Powell, T. B. Perry, I. B. Hodgson, T. J. Lowe, J. A. I. Perry, and J. Hincks. Reference was made in the inspector of nuisances' report to the number of horses and cattle straying in the Coogee parks and reserves, and he asked whether these parks were still being rented, otherwise he would take steps to remedy the evil. It was resolved to appoint two delegates to a conference of the eastern suburbs' aldermen to be arranged by the Woollahra council with reference to framing a Building Act to be submitted to Parliament and to apply to the district. A circular from the Mayor of Hurstville re the formation of a Sydney County Council was discussed, and ultimately Aldermen T. J. Lowe and J. A. I. Perry were appointed to attend the conference to be arranged. Alderman J. A. I. Perry moved, and it was carried,—"(a) That a complete revision of the assessment books be made to date. (b) That the finance committee prepare the necessary specifications, and if required call for tenders, such to be in by next council night." On the motion of Alderman Hincks it was agreed that a letter be written to the Tramway Department asking them to start the 6.20 a.m. tram to Sydney from St. Paul's-street instead of Belmore-road. Alderman Gale revived the old grievance, the dangerous state of the Long Bay-road, to the maintenance of which the council looks to the Government, and it was resolved that Mr. D. Storey, M.L.A., be communicated with again to see if its repair can be expedited. Alderman E. Hawes desired to know if the Mayor had received Messrs. J. T. Davenport and Co.'s account for the special audit of the council's books just completed. The Mayor replied that he intended having it discussed in committee that night, as it was a kind of "privileged letter" addressed to him. Alderman Hawes thought it should be dealt with in open council, as he understood the amount charged was £320, and he wished to criticise it very keenly. Amidst many interruptions Alderman Hawes continued, and informed the aldermen that if the letter was not read in open council he would leave the table as a protest, as he would not be a party to such things being discussed behind the people's backs. A little disorder occurred, but it immediately ceased on Alderman Hawes leaving the room.

RYDE.

The question of payment of the Ryde wharfinger's salary (£30) and the lease (£2) cropped up at the last meeting of the Ryde Council. Hitherto the amount has been paid out of the general revenue, the wharf being free. Alderman Betts expressed the opinion that as the wharf was situated in the Central Ward and availed of principally by ratepayers in that ward it was unfair to debit the other wards with any part of the expenditure and that a wharfage rate should be struck sufficient to cover the amount. The matter was referred to a committee of the full council to draw up rules and regulations and to devise the best means of raising the revenue required to cover the expenditure. In reply to a request from the Lindfield Progress Association that the Ryde Council would assist in the movement for the construction of a bridge over the Lane Cove River, the council decided to oppose the scheme, having already committed itself to the proposal for the construction of a bridge over the river at the head of navigation as the best means of benefiting the residents of the Ryde Municipality. Aldermen Hibble and Worthington were appointed delegates to the conference to discuss the Mayor of Hurstville's scheme for the unification and consolidation of the local government of the metropolis. The Gladesville portion of the municipality is moving in the direction of a dustcart service, a petition signed by the leading ratepayers being presented praying for the establishment of such a service. Matters in connection with the long-delayed special audit of the Ryde Council's books were brought to a close at the meeting. About 12 months ago the clerk was instructed to hand over his books to Aldermen Redshaw and Hibble for investigation. The audit lasted about nine months and covered 11 years, the auditors going back to March, 1887, the date on which the present clerk entered on his duty as council clerk. The result of the examination was embodied in a report presented to the council on May 16 last, and was referred to the clerk for reply. That reply was submitted on September 23, and was referred, together with the auditors' report, to a committee of four—Aldermen Betts, Worthington, and the two gentlemen who made the audit, who submitted their report. The adoption of such report by the council was followed by a resolution to the effect "That this council has the utmost confidence in the integrity and honesty of the council clerk," which was unanimously carried. The clerk was congratulated by the Mayor and aldermen on coming out of such an ordeal as an 11 years' audit unscathed. The auditors were allowed clerical assistance to the extent of £20.

ST. PETERS.

A meeting of the above council was held on October 14, when there were present:—The Mayor (Alderman George Farr, J.P.), and Aldermen Judd, Bradshaw, Benbow, Baker, Campbell, Spackman, and Rowe. Letters were read from Messrs. William Rigg, M.L.A., Alexander Stuart, R. W. Guille, Thomas Boyd, and others, agreeing to accompany the deputation to the Minister for Works to urge an extension of the tramway into St. Peters. The Hon. J. H. Carruthers and Dr. Vause wrote expressing their approval of the deputation, but regretting their inability to attend. On the motion of Alderman Baker, it was decided to write to Mr. E. W. Molesworth, M.L.A., and the ex-aldermen of the council to be present at the deputation. The works committee reported that the asphalting of the footpath in front of the Public school had been carried out satisfactorily; the condition of Edith-street, about which a petition was forwarded to a previous meeting of the council, was found to be very bad, and the committee recommended that it be repaired as soon as funds are available. A petition signed by 270 ratepayers, praying the council to use its influence in having the tramway extended, was received, and it was decided to attach it to the other petitions already received on the same subject to be presented by a deputation to the Minister for Works. Alderman Judd moved,—"That a letter be sent to the Commissioner for Roads asking for compensation for the cutting up of Unwin's Bridge-road." Alderman Rowe seconded the motion, and it was carried. On the motion of Alderman Judd, it was decided to write to the Railway Commissioners asking them to widen the footpath approaching Tempe railway station, and to move the wicket-gate at the station further back to avoid accidents.

WAVERLEY.

A meeting of the Waverley Council was held on the 18th instant at which Alderman W. H. Simpson presided. There were also present—Aldermen Watkin Wynne, E. Power, W. Carter, E. Keys, E. Terry, jun., J. F. Carroll, R. G. Watkins, H. C. Evans, and the clerk (Mr. John Clubb). An apology was received from the Mayor (Alderman G. J. Waterhouse, J.P.) for absence owing to indisposition. A circular letter was received from Mr. T. A. E. Wearne, council clerk, Hurstville, calling the council's attention to the scheme of Alderman Griffin with reference to a Greater Sydney. Received. Mr. R. J. Waterhouse, hon. secretary of the Waverley Junior Cricketing Association, wrote requesting permission to put a practice wicket in Waverley Park at Birrell-street side. Referred to the inspector to report upon. Correspondence was received from Mr. A. Vialoux, council clerk, Paddington, requesting the co-operation of the council in urging upon the Railway Commissioners the necessity for the removal of the unsightly coke sheds on Waverley-road, opposite Moncur-street. It was agreed to co-operate. A letter was received from the Woollahra council clerk (Mr. C. A. Vivian), enclosing a resolution passed at the previous meeting of that body with reference to the advisability of framing a Building Act for the eastern suburbs for submission to Parliament. The Mayor and Alderman R. G. Watkins were appointed to confer with the other councils upon the matter. Mr. T. H. Dickson (Inspector of Nuisances) reported upon the sanitary state of the borough; also, that he had obtained samples of milk sold by 17 milk vendors within the borough, 10 of which upon analysis were shown to have been adulterated, in which cases prosecutions had followed. Considerable discussion followed, after which the report was adopted with the omission of that portion relating to the milk vendors. It was decided that a special meeting of the whole council should be held to inquire into the recent cases in which the vendors had been proceeded against by the inspector.

WILLOUGHBY.

A meeting of the Willoughby Council was held on the 17th instant, at which the Mayor (Alderman C. Leplastrier) presided. There were also present:—Aldermen Butcher, Bailey, Giblin, Forsyth, Gordon, Small, Lansely, and Willis. A letter was received from the Bank of N.S.W., forwarding a copy of a letter from the Under-Secretary for Lands, in which it was stated that the Secretary for Lands had decided to offer £1877 10s for the area of 6a. 3r. 24p., near the Chatswood railway station, for the purposes of a reserve for public recreation. The municipal district of Hurstville wrote asking the co-operation of the council in regard to a resolution passed by the Hurstville Council.—"That the council of the city of Sydney and the councils of municipalities within the metropolitan area be requested to send two delegates to a conference to discuss and, if possible, propound a scheme for the unification and consolidation of the local government of the metropolis." The Mayor and Alderman Forsyth were appointed to represent the council. The Mayor stated that he had written to the department requesting that notices might be given to the Chinese tenants to quit with a view to early possession by the council.

CONCERT AT MANLY.

A sacred concert was given at the Manly Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening. Miss Alice Bryant, the church organist, presided at the organ, and opened with Batiste's "Offertorio in D minor." Her other numbers were Berlioz' "The Sylphs" and "Hungarian March." Mr. Arthur Noble rendered "Is not His Word like a Fire" (Elijah) and Faure's "Les Rameaux." Miss Lynn Mills gave Rossini's "Inflammatus" (Stabat Mater) and Mendelssohn's "Hear ye, Israel" (Elijah). Mr. Marcus Bryant gave a violin solo, "Russian Chaunt," and Godard's "Recitative and adagio." The choir had the anthems Cobb's "I heard a great voice" and Tours' "It shall come to pass." The lady members of the choir were dressed in white, and their appearance, together with the decorations of the pulpit, dais, and screen, was pleasing. A satisfactory collection was taken from the audience, which numbered several hundred.

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LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.

BANCO COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Stephen, Mr. Justice Owen, and Mr. Justice Cohen.)

APPEAL FROM THE COURT OF REVIEW.

Re John Cooper (appellant) and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act (the Commissioners of Taxation respondents).

Mr. Justice Stephen said the following was the judgment of himself and Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson:—This is a special case stated by the Court of Review, under and by virtue of the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895, the decision of that Court being upon an appeal by John Cooper from an assessment by the Commissioners of Taxation. It appears that the appellant is the owner of certain lands known by the name of Thrupp's grant. This land was devised to the appellant, and at the time of its devolution upon him it was (adopting the words of the Judge of Review) "physically undivided." It has been let by the owner on 99 years' leases to various persons, and the whole has been subdivided by streets and roads, laid out, partly by tenants and partly by the appellant himself. The portions thus separated have been further subdivided into allotments. Some of the streets have been formed and metalled, and some exist only in name. Buildings have been erected to a very considerable extent in various parts of the estate. It has been largely subleased and re-subleased. The Commissioners for the purpose of assessment treated Thrupp's grant as an aggregation of 422 separate and divided estates or parcels, and not as one estate or parcel. Each block facing a street was treated by them as forming one estate or parcel, each such estate or parcel being valued separately as unimproved. The expression "unimproved value" means (see section 68 of the Act) "in respect of land, the capital sum for which the fee simple estate in such land, under such reasonable conditions of sale as a bona-fide seller would require, would sell, assuming that the actual improvements, if any, had not been made." The Commissioners did not, of course, take into consideration any improvements actually existing upon any one of the distinct estates or parcels as affecting its value, but they did take into consideration the benefit of roads and streets and all other improvements of every kind existing on December 31, 1896, upon all the remainder of the grant, as well as upon land surrounding the same, and they fixed the unimproved value of the whole number for purposes of the land tax at a sum of £220,000. The question which I have to decide is whether the Commissioners were right in so doing. I am of opinion that they were. Assuming that the Commissioners had a right to regard the land as divided into separate and distinct estates or parcels, it is not contended that they did so in any arbitrary or improper manner. In the case of Grand Junction Waterworks Company v. Davis, 1897, 2 Q.B., 209, the distinction between the separation of a portion of the tenement from the residue, not contemplated by the owner, and arbitrarily made by the justices for the purposes of valuation and a *division made by an owner for himself*, is pointed out. Here the Commissioners adopted the divisions or parcels patently indicated on the land by the owner's own disposition of portions, making out others by roads and streets. Again, there is no question made as to the Commissioners' valuation being excessive. The amount is agreed upon, i.e., if the Commissioners are right. It was not contended that the Commissioners, in ascertaining the sum for which the fee simple would sell, were not entitled to consider surroundings other than those upon the estate itself. The objection is that they took into consideration improvements on other parts of the same estate. It was argued broadly for the appellant that under no circumstances, while the land remained under one title, could the Commissioners take into consideration any division of the land into parcels, and that this valuation ought to have been upon Thrupp's Grant as a whole. It was admitted that, if the owner of three estates in different localities held under one title were being assessed, the value of each estate must be taken separately, and added together for the purpose of ascertaining the taxable amount. This would seem to me to be an admission, and I take it to be the law, that unity *of title* alone cannot affect the question, so that the question for decision seems to be reduced to this, whether an undivided piece of land can ever be so divided into different parcels by erection of buildings and laying out of streets as to justify the Commissioners of Taxation in holding, as they have done, that they were entitled to value what they considered separate parcels of land by taking into consideration improvements upon other parts of the land itself. It appears to me that the case really depends upon the construction of section 10 of the Act, that is, whether the term parcels of land can only refer to land separated by land intervening that does not belong to the same owner. The word "parcel" means a "part, or portion, or piece, as a certain piece of land is part and parcel of another piece" (vide Webster's Dictionary). We must give a meaning to the word "parcel" distinct from "estate." They are not synonymous. For myself I cannot conceive why an estate like this Thrupp's Grant, consisting of about 500 acres, cannot be so parcelled off by the owner as to be no longer considered as an undivided whole, but an aggregation of portions or divisions which the Commissioners may consider as parcels within the section. If this is not the case, then not one of the houses erected upon the estate, owned by tenants under 99 years' leases, occupied in as distinct a manner as they could possibly be, could be considered a parcel. It has been argued that the effect of allowing the Commissioners to adopt this course would be to tax the estate as an improved estate. It may be that the appellant will have to pay a larger sum than he would have had to pay if the unimproved value of the estate as a whole had been taken as the taxable amount, but whether *this is right or not* the question necessarily comes back to the point I am discussing, whether portions of the land can be regarded as separate parcels. I can see no injustice in this, as it seems evident that the owner by selling the land in parcels obtains for it a value highly enhanced by the other improvements on the land, and whether they were erected by the tenants or by the owner himself does not, it seems to me, touch the case. Each parcel would, in my view, come within the term "such land" in the interpretation clause as to the meaning of "unimproved value." The word "such" has reference to the previous word "land," and that is, in my opinion, each parcel into which the land may be fairly said to have been divided, the value of which, as I have pointed out, was increased by improvements upon other parcels of the whole estate. Our decision is, therefore, that the Court of Review was right in its determination both as to Thrupp's Grant and the Cleveland Estate.

Mr. Justice Cohen, after referring to the facts and the law on the subject, said: I am of opinion that the appellant should not succeed, and that the assessment should be made upon the principle C. The Commissioners have not adopted and do not desire to adopt, as they certainly could not, any arbitrary *parcelling of their own*, but going upon the land they find it cut up by the appellant into separate leasehold holdings or parcels, held through or under him by different lessees or sub-lessees in possession, a possession to which they are entitled as against him, during the currency of their leases or subleases, or so long as they comply with their leasehold obligations, if there be conditions of forfeiture on breach of any of them, and forfeiture should follow. If the argument for the appellant should prevail, then, as pointed out by Sir Julian Salomons, the appellant might grant leases for 999 years, for the fee simple price paid down, and a purely nominal rental, such as a peppercorn, thus create a holding in essence practically though not technically equivalent to an estate in fee simple, and then claim that he, as the owner of the fee simple, though in such dimly remote reversion, could only be assessed upon the value of the entire area, after excluding from consideration all or any of the improvements upon it. On the other hand it was not denied that if he had granted the fee simple of any portion of the land that portion would be a "parcel" within the Act. It is not unimportant to bear in mind that if the lessees were directly taxable they could not set up that the area comprised in each lease was not a separate parcel, and was not liable to be assessed in the light of the improvements upon any of the other leasehold parcels. Now, although the owner in fee simple is the only person assessable and directly taxable, yet he is entitled to contribution from the lessees in proportion to their interests in the land (see section 12, sub-section 1), and they thus become indirectly taxable and taxable, according to the opinion I have expressed, upon a principle the correctness of which, if they could be directly assessed, is not disputable. I have so far only expressly dealt with Thrupp's Grant; but, as it is admitted that the Cleveland Estate appeal involves exactly the same principles, my judgment will also apply to it, and the assessment of that estate should proceed upon "E."

Judgment of the Court of Review upheld; order as to costs in the usual terms.

ALLEGED MISTRIAL.

APPEAL AGAINST CONVICTION.

Regina v. Short.

Mr. Gannon and Mr. Mack, instructed by Mr. R. H. Levien, appeared for the prisoner, Alice Short, and moved under the 427th section of the Criminal Law Amendment Act by way of a writ of error for an order to quash the conviction. The prisoner was convicted at the Criminal Sessions on August 5 last before Mr. Justice G. B. Simpson, on a charge of the manslaughter of Sarah Gettens at North Sydney on July 10, and was sentenced to five years' penal servitude. It appeared that at the trial, and while the Crown Prosecutor was opening the case, one of the jurors was taken ill, and was unable to proceed with his duties. The prisoner, acting upon the advice of her attorney, consented to the 11 jurors being considered as discharged and recalled, and said she did not intend to challenge any of them. She also consented to a fresh juryman being called, who was sworn, but the 11 original jurors were not resworn. After the conviction Mr. Levien asked that the point should be reserved that the 11 jurors should have been resworn. This was done, and, the case proceeding, the prisoner, as already stated, was convicted and sentenced. She now appealed on the ground that she was tried before an insufficient tribunal, and that the 11 jurymen having been discharged should have been resworn. The discharge of the jurymen in the first instance got rid of their oath altogether, and they then ceased to be a jury; and when the prisoner was again given in charge to them they were not a jury at all, not having been resworn. Mr Mack, in the course of his argument for the prisoner, cited Regina v. Edwards, 3 Campbell's reports; Regina v. Sealbert, 2 Leach, 217; and Regina v. Bertrand, 1 L.R. Privy Council, page 534. Mr. Wade, who, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared to support the conviction, said that there was a consent on the part of the accused to the course adopted, and that if an irregularity had occurred during the trial it was only an error, and no substantial wrong was done to the accused. It was not a matter going to the jurisdiction of the Court at all. The jurisdiction remained as it was when the prisoner was first called upon to plead, and any irregularities in the course of the trial, as, for instance, in the swearing of a witness or the empanelling of the jury, were mere irregularities which did not affect the finding of the jury as to the guilt or otherwise of the accused. As there had been no substantial wrong or miscarriage of justice by the irregularity he submitted that the conviction could not be quashed. He further contended that it must be something which affected the finding of the jury for or against the prisoner, and a mere irregularity could not have that effect. He cited Regina v. Brown, 9 L.R., 58; Regina v. Bertrand, L.R. 1 Privy Council, 520; 2 Leach, 629, and 2 Hales' Pleas of the Crown, paragraph 296.

Mr. Justice Stephen said the Court ought not to allow the slightest doubt to exist in a matter of this kind. The question to be decided was whether the prisoner was tried before a properly constituted tribunal. It appeared from the facts that the jury were discharged owing to the illness of one of their number, and therefore in his opinion they were discharged from the oath they took to give a verdict according to the evidence. It was quite clear on the authorities that when the new juror was called and sworn the 11 other jurors ought to have been resworn. Then it was said that the prisoner consented. He did not know whether the Court need decide that point, but he would be very sorry to allow the impression to exist that a prisoner could consent to be tried by a jury who were not sworn to try the case according to the evidence. Then it was said that under section 470 a prisoner might consent to anything which a suitor in a civil case could lawfully consent to, but it was forgotten that he could not consent to his trial before a tribunal other than that appointed by law. As a matter of fact, however, it was not absolutely necessary to decide the question of consent, because there was nothing on the record before the Court to show that the prisoner consented to the jury trying the case without being resworn, and, as far as he knew, that point did not appear to have been considered at the time. The Court had nothing on the record except as to challenge. It was not a question of the jurisdiction of the Court at all, but whether the prisoner was tried by a duly constituted tribunal. In his opinion prisoner was tried by a tribunal which had not been sworn, and which was not under the obligation of an oath to return a verdict according to the evidence. It was useless to cite authorities as to irregularities arising during a trial, because there had been no trial at all.

Mr. Justice Owen said he was also clearly of opinion that prisoner had never been tried at all, and that her case had gone before a tribunal which was not recognised in law at all, namely, a jury which had not been sworn. When the jury were discharged the 11 jurors were in exactly the same position as the other members of the panel who had not been sworn in the case, and were simply members of the public in court. They had no duty to perform in respect of the prisoner or the evidence before them, and the proper course, and the only course, to adopt was to reswear the whole of the jury, just as if a fresh jury had been drawn from the panel. That was so laid down in Archbold's Pleadings in Criminal Cases. He was further clearly of opinion that the prisoner had no power to consent to being tried before such a quasi tribunal, that the matter was never brought under the notice of the prisoner at all, and that she did not consent to the case being heard before 11 jurymen who had not been resworn.

Mr. Justice Cohen concurred.

Appeal upheld, and judgment to be reversed.

(Before the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Stephen, and Mr. Justice Owen.)

ANOTHER CONVICTION QUASHED.

Regina v. Charles Ryan.

Mr. Wade, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared in support of the conviction. There was no appearance on behalf of the prisoner. The prisoner was tried before Mr. Justice Cohen at the Tamworth Assizes on an indictment charging that at West Narrabri he did apply for an elector's right to Henry Chapman, an officer acting as electoral registrar, appointed under the authority of the Act 56 Victoria, No. 38, and duly appointed under the said Act to act as deputy registrar for the Narrabri West Division of the electoral district of Narrabri, and to perform temporarily the duties of the electoral registrar, and that the said Henry Chapman, as such officer and deputy registrar, before issuing the elector's right put to the said Charles Ryan the question: "Have you resided or had your principal place of abode in New South Wales for a continuous period of one year immediately prior to the date of your application for an elector's right?" To which question Ryan wilfully and falsely answered "Yes." The prisoner, who was undefended, was found guilty, and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in Maitland Gaol; but his Honor reserved for the consideration of the Court the following questions:—(1) Whether there was evidence of the appointment of Henry Chapman which authorised him to put the question to the prisoner which the latter falsely answered, and (2) whether if Chapman was not authorised either by such appointment or his actings, the prisoner could be convicted. It appeared according to the "Gazette" notice that Chapman was designated "assistant registrar," and in evidence he stated that before issuing the elector's right to the prisoner he had commenced, his duties under the "Gazette" appointment, and that at Narrabri West he performed all the duties of registrar.

After hearing Mr. Wade,

The Chief Justice said it was clear from the 36th section (sub-section 3) of the Act that the only person who could put the question was the registrar, and upon looking at the definition section of the Act he found that "registrar" meant "an electoral registrar appointed under the authority of this Act, as well as any deputy appointed to perform temporarily the duties of, or acting as, such registrar." In this case the question was put to the prisoner by a gentleman who was clearly assistant registrar, and that being so the judgment must be reversed.

Order accordingly.

A CONVICTION CONFIRMED.

Regina v. Henry Kermond.

Mr. Watt, instructed by Mr. J. A. Gorrick (agent for Mr. George Davidson, of Mudgee), appeared for the prisoner in support of an appeal against the conviction; Mr. Wade, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared in support of the conviction. This prisoner was convicted before Mr. Justice Stephen at the last Mudgee Assizes, under section 296 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act, of "endeavouring to persuade or induce one James Ernest Spradbrow to make a false statement on oath in a judicial proceeding then pending in the Court of Petty Sessions holden at Mudgee, &c." It appeared that one James Ryan had been brought before a police court on May 7 last on a warrant charging him with stealing a heifer. The case was adjourned by the presiding justice until the 10th of that month, when Ryan was committed for trial. It was during the interval that the prisoner committed the alleged offence in respect whereof he was convicted, by endeavouring to persuade Spradbrow to give false evidence at the adjourned hearing of the case against Ryan. The point now submitted was not taken by the prisoner's advocate, but his Honor reserved it for the opinion of the Court. The question for the decision of the Court was whether his Honor ought not to have directed an acquittal on the ground that the proceeding above-mentioned was not a judicial one within the meaning of section 296. His Honor sentenced the prisoner, but allowed him to enter into recognisances to surrender himself in execution.

The Court, after hearing Mr. Watt, and without calling upon Mr. Wade, held that it was quite clear the proceedings before the magistrates, though preliminary, were judicial proceedings within the meaning of the section and the first step in the trial. To hold otherwise would be to bring about a most dangerous state of things.

Conviction sustained.

THE CUSTODY OF A CHILD.

Re J. J. Lachaume (E. Boutcher respondent).

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Messrs. A'Beckett and Horrocks, appeared for Jules Joseph Lachaume, of Wynyard-square, dentist, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon Miss E. Boutcher, of Albion-street, Surry Hills, to show cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not issue directing her to deliver to the applicant Louis Poussard, aged 11 years, the infant child of the late Horace Rene Poussard. Counsel stated that the affidavits filed showed that Horace Poussard, the well-known violinist, died on September 12 last, having by his will appointed applicant his executor and trustee, and also guardian of his son. Respondent, who was the nurse of the child, took him to Melbourne shortly after his father's death, and upon her return to Sydney applicant demanded the custody of the child, but respondent had declined to give him up.

Rule granted, returnable this day week.

DISOBEDIENCE OF AN INJUNCTION.

Re John Hamilton Baird (Ah Hung respondent).

Mr. Scholes, instructed by Messrs. Johnson, Minter, Simpson, and Co., appeared for John Hamilton Baird, of Koorong station, near Bombala, and moved for an order nisi for a writ of attachment against respondent, Ah Hung, for disobedience of an *injunction* granted by the Court on October 17 last to restrain him or his agents or servants from digging or searching for gold upon the applicant's property. It appeared that after the injunction was granted a copy of it was served upon the respondent, who was at the time working at Koorong with 10 other Chinamen, and its effect was fully explained to him. Respondent replied, "Loos'em too much time knock off work again," and he and the other men afterwards continued *working*.

Rule granted, returnable on Friday week.

A SOLICITOR CALLED UPON.

Re the Incorporated Law Institute (H. A. Moss respondent).

Mr. Hanbury Davies, instructed by Mr. A. W. M'Carthy, appeared for the Incorporated Law Institute, and moved for a rule nisi calling upon Hyam Asa Moss, a *solicitor* of the court, to answer the matters contained in the affidavit of A. W. M'Carthy and others. Counsel stated that according to the affidavits it appeared that on August 25 the Court directed Moss to pay forthwith to Mr. M'Carthy for Mrs. Selina Marie Cook the sum of £13 13s. On October 24 a letter from the respondent and containing a cheque for £13 13s was forwarded by respondent. In the letter Moss notified that a judgment obtained by him *in the District Court* against Mrs. Cook exceeded the amount of the cheque, and that he intended to attach the same in part payment of the judgment. While perusing the letter a Mr. May, who Mr. M'Carthy believed was in the employ of Moss, walked into the office and handed him the garnishee order attaching the debt. Mr. M'Carthy thereupon returned the cheque to respondent, and it was pointed out to him that he had not complied with the order of the Court, and that the amount must be paid in cash so that it might be immediately handed over to Mrs. Cook. The amount had not since been paid, but respondent had sent back the cheque.

The Chief Justice said that the respondent must answer the affidavits and show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court.

Rule nisi granted, returnable on Friday week.

A rule nisi was also granted against the same respondent calling upon him to show cause why he should not be dealt with for non-payment of £14 4s 2d, balance of costs in connection with former proceedings in court against him.

A SEAMAN'S APPEAL.

Ex parte George Ellis.

Dr. Sly, instructed by Messrs. Wallace and Son, appeared for George Ellis, a seaman, and moved for a rule nisi for a prohibition to set aside the conviction of applicant for disobedience of lawful commands. Counsel stated that Ellis signed articles at Hamburg as a seaman of the ship Egremont Castle, which was originally an English registered vessel. When the vessel arrived in this colony the owners, without the consent of the seamen, registered her under the Act of this colony, which subjected them to different liabilities and treatment. The owners also resolved to engage in the coastal trade. Applicant, among others, refused duty, and he was prosecuted under our Seaman's Laws Consolidation Act, and on September 20 last he was convicted at the Water Police Court, before Mr. Delohery, S.M., and sentenced to forfeit 10 days' pay. He now appealed on the following grounds:—(1) That seamen having signed articles under the Imperial Act for a ship registered under that Act are not bound to serve when the ship was registered under the colonial Act, and were not amenable to its provisions; (2) the coasting trade of these colonies is not within the agreement of service; (3) the justices had no jurisdiction to deal with the matter under our Act.

The rule was granted. Rules were also granted in favour of Alexander Barlas and Samuel Flood, seamen of the same vessel.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

THE DEFUNCT CERCLE FRANCAIS.

A QUESTION OF LIABILITY.

His Honor gave his decision on an application recently made by the executors in the estate of the late Mr. W. H. Paling to make others liable conjointly with the estate for obligations entered into by the defunct Cercle Français, a once well-known club. The Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, for whom Mr. Pilcher, Q.C., Messrs Rich and Foster, appeared, applied for a declaration from the Court that all persons who were members of the Cercle Français on July 12, 1888, or who subsequently became members, and the personal representatives of any such persons as were now dead, had become, and were jointly and severally, liable to make good and indemnify the plaintiff company and the estate of the late William Henry Paling against rents paid and expenses incurred by him during his life, and by the company since his death, in respect of premises situate at 50 Wynyard-square and 9 Wynyard-lane. Paling and other trustees entered into a lease on behalf of the club on July 12, 1888, to take the premises mentioned for 10 years. The club went into liquidation in 1891. Paling's co-trustees being men of no substance he was obliged to pay all the rent under the lease which was not provided by tenants of the premises to whom he sublet accommodation. Up to the time of his death he paid £925 13s 3d, and the company, as his executors, since his death had paid £764 8s. It was still liable to pay £670 on the same account if relief were not granted. Appearances were entered as defendants by Mark E. A'Beckett, represented by Mr. Lingen; William John Fesq, for whom Mr. Hanbury Davies appeared; and Dr. A. Burne, represented by Mr. Knox. The co-trustees of the late Mr. Paling also submitted themselves to the Court—namely, Jules Joseph Lachaume, Emile Doublet, and Clement Van de Velde. His Honor said the real question to determine was whether the defendants authorised the trustees of the club to enter into the lease. An authority from them might be expressed or implied, and might be given at the time, or by subsequent ratification of the trustees' acts. From the evidence he could only draw the inference that Dr. Burne ratified the action of the trustees in taking the lease on behalf of the club, and that he and all other members in the same position as he was were bound to indemnify the trustees against the rent of the lease. The plaintiff's costs and those of the defendants, A'Beckett, Fesq, and Burne, should be treated as part of the club debt, and taken as being added to the amount against which the plaintiffs were entitled to be indemnified.

In reply to Mr. Lingen, his Honor said he held that Dr. Burne ratified the act of the trustees as to the lease. He would not express any opinion as to what constituted ratification, or whether or not mere membership on July 12, 1888, was sufficient to impose liability.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before his honor Judge Walker.)

APPEAL AGAINST COMMITTAL.

Further arguments were heard in the appeal by Edward Wilson, produce merchant, against an order by the Registrar committing him to gaol at Darlinghurst for 14 days' imprisonment for evasion and prevarication during his examination as a witness in the bankrupt estate of Ernest J. Horton. In support of the appeal Messrs. Shand and A. Thompson appeared on instructions from Messrs. Shipway and Berne. For the official assignee Messrs. Gordon and R. V. Manning appeared to oppose the appeal, instructed by Mr. M. Mitchell. The appeal was dismissed with costs.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. Arthur Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Frederick M. Lessing, adjourned certificate application. The Registrar held that the bankrupt contracted debts without reasonable expectation of being able to pay them. He had also filed an incomplete statement of his affairs. An order was made that a certificate be suspended for 12 months. Mr. E. Cohen appeared for the bankrupt.

The adjourned certificate application of George Gale was dealt with, Mr. Monkley appearing for the bankrupt. A report and affidavit in reply were read. The case was ordered to stand over to November 17 for Gale's attendance in order that he might be cross-examined.

Robert John Stephenson's application for a certificate was further adjourned to November 10 by consent.

An incomplete statement of his affairs having been filed by John Henry Guider, for whom Mr. Moloney appeared, an order was made for a certificate to issue subject to a direction made on Guider's application under section 61 heard the same day, namely, that he should first pay £1 per month until 7s 6d in the pound had been liquidated on all proved debts.

SINGLE MEETING.

Benjamin Young, a bankrupt, was examined by the official assignee. His case was then adjourned to November 2.

RESOLUTION APPROVED.

Re James Foote. After hearing argument in support of a motion for the approval of a resolution dated September 15, allowing the bankrupt his household furniture and effects, Mr. Palmer, official assignee, approved subject to the payment of the expenses of the bankruptcy within one month. An order was made accordingly.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

The examination of Ambrose Roger under section 30 was further adjourned to November 10, an essential witness not having been served.

SEQUESTRATIONS.

Joseph Lovell, of Carrington, labourer. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

Joseph Painter, of Cobar, labourer. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

Mark Durrell, of Kinchela, Macleay River. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. Oliver, President, Freeman and Brandis, Commissioners.)

RESERVED DECISIONS.

The appeal of George Sides against the appraised value of improvements on portion 2, parish of Warrigal, county of Waradgery (added to his C.L., No. 15,331, Hay), was dismissed.

The Court dismissed the appeal of the Union Bank of Australia, Limited, against the appraised value of improvements on portions 2 and 4, parish of Mingah, county of Waradgery (added to C. leases, Nos. 12,472 and 12,469, Hay, respectively), and also the appeal of the Bank of New South Wales against the appraised value of improvements on portion 3 of 320 acres, parish of Yurdyilla, county of Nicholson (added to C.L., No. 6968, Hay).

In the matter of the appeal of Patrick Buckley against the disallowance of his C.L. application, No. 98-1, Gunnedah, the Court dismissed the appeal. The subject of appeal was a finding of the local land board to the effect that in view of the Supreme Court decision in Nelson v. Lumley, and that the land at the time of the subject application was within special area 27,059 (proclaimed December 11, 1897), it was not open to conditional lease. The principal ground of appeal was that at date of application the subject land was legally available for conditional lease. The appeal was dismissed on the broad ground that the law does not allow conditional leases to be taken up within special areas in any division. Four weeks were allowed in which to appeal to the Supreme Court.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—Friday, October 28.

Term List.—New trial motion: Denham and another v. Foley and another (to be spoken to). Motion: Ex parte William Hales, prohibition (part heard). Special cases: King v. Cundy, in re William Cooper and the Land and Income Tax Assessment Act of 1895 (the Commissioners of Taxation respondents), Lindsay v. Hanson, Finn v. London Bank of Australia, Limited. Demurrer: The Grosvenor Hotel Company, Limited, v. Sale and another.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally—Phillips v. Hart, motion to continue injunction; Irving v. Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, summons to vary Master's certificate; Kearey v. Anderson, further consideration; Australian Brewery, Wine, and Spirit Company, Limited, v. Roche, motion to continue injunction; re will of J. B. Watt, deceased, and Trustee Act, 1898, and Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, Act, petition to appoint separate trustees; Mayer v. Downes, motion for decree; M'Donald v. Rush, motion for decree; Fletcher v. Foster, short cause; Turpin v. Simper, further consideration. Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Cripps v. Thomas, to adjudicate on claims. At 2.30 p.m.: Hennessey, Harper, and Co., to settle minutes of order. At 3 p.m.: Moss v. Moss, to settle minutes of decree.

Chamber List.—At 9.30 a.m.: Caulfield v. Norton, for stay of proceedings (part heard); Wilkes v. Cliff, to plead an additional plea; Bryant and another v. The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney, Limited, for security.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Chief Clerk: A.J.S. Bank v. Napper, 2.29; same v. Lee, 2.30; same v. Kelly, 2.30. Before the Deputy-Registrar in Divorce: Appleyard v. Appleyard, 10.30.

Probate.—Before his Honor Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10.30: Motions for probate and administration, motions for power to sell, motions to pass accounts and commission, miscellaneous motions. Before the Registrar.—At 10.30: To proceed on accounts. At 11: Mary M'Kenzie, Frederick Weston, Anthony Hordern. At 2.15: Lady C. E. Stuart.

In Bankruptcy.—Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: Hearing of creditors' petitions: Nathaniel Dismorr v. Elizabeth Charlotte Selina Cochrane, the Eveleen Silver-mining Company, Limited v. Alfred Austin Gallagher, the Executrix and Executors of John Williamson (deceased) v. A. H. Lawson, Sidney John Bull v. Michael Drew. S. Hoffnung and Co. v. J. E. Fielding. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 2.10 p.m.: Re M'Carty, taxation of Official Assignee's costs.

DISTRICT COURT.—Friday, October 28.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10 a.m.)

Application for New Trial.—Bostock Package and Cash Carrier Company v. Fisher and another. Application for Security for Costs.—Pearson v. Ellis.

(Before the Registrar, in No. 2 Court, at 10.30 a.m.)

Clements ats. Biddle.

COURT OF REVIEW.—Friday, October 28.

(Before his Honor Judge Murray, at 10.30 a.m.)

To Settle Special Cases on Appeal.—Australian Gaslight Company, Limited (R. J. Lukey, public officer), R. N. Kirk (public officer, Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited), R. N. Kirk (public officer, Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10 Company, Limited).

POLICE COURTS.

Charges of Theft.—At the Water Police Court yesterday, before Mr. C. Delohery, S.M., Annie Tomkins was charged with stealing from Mary Cary a purse, containing two gold rings and 7s 3d, valued in all at £3; and from Mary Lahiff, two gold brooches, valued at £3. It appeared that Mrs. Carey and Mrs. Lahiff went into the Shannon Hotel, where they saw the accused. When the articles were missed Tomkins was arrested, and some of the property was found secreted in her clothing. The defence was that the property had been given to her to take care of. Accused was sentenced to two months' imprisonment on the first charge and one month on the second. Robert Hayes pleaded guilty to stealing a brooch, the property of Ada Ferrier. The prosecutrix had given accused the brooch to have a stone set in it, and he pawned the article. He was sentenced to four months' imprisonment. George Watson, or Charles Williams, was charged with stealing three shirts, two jumpers, a coat, two handkerchiefs, and two pairs of socks, valued in all at £1 10s, the property of William Russell, and was sentenced to one month's imprisonment.

Illegally Using a Horse.—At the Water Police Court, yesterday, Robert Jamieson and Thomas Roche were charged with illegally using a horse and sulky, the property of Thomas Page. The prosecutor had left the vehicle outside the New Zealand Hotel, when accused, with another man who could not be found, took it away. Upon their return, two hours later, they were arrested. Mr. Delohery, S.M., fined accused £1 each, with the alternative 21 days.

A Double Conviction.—Yesterday, at the Central Police Court, in the Charge Division, before Mr. George H. Smithers, S.M., Frank Annesley was proceeded against on remand for having been found in an upstairs bedroom in the dwelling apartments of Mr. George Lawrence, of Lawrence's Hotel, Pitt and Market streets, city, for an unlawful purpose on Thursday last. For this offence he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with hard labour. Whilst in custody the accused was further charged with stealing a silver-plated whisky flask and two Waterbury watches, valued in all at £3, the property of Mr. Walter Hugh Pedley, on the 18th or 19th instant. For this offence the accused was further sentenced to a term of three months, the sentences to be cumulative.

Trouble at a Restaurant.—Yesterday, at the Central Police Court, in the Charge Division, before Mr. George H. Smithers, S.M., a man named Patrick Hogan was proceeded against on several charges. The previous evening, about teatime, the accused visited the restaurant of William Romans, at the Haymarket, city. After having regaled himself, and when walking out, the proprietor requested payment. The accused became incensed, threw down a coin, and supplemented the matter by kicking the proprietor. Mr. Smithers, S.M., ordered the accused to be imprisoned with hard labour for two months.

An Incident at the Victoria Park Bowling Club.—Yesterday, at the Central Police Court, before Mr. Geo. H. Smithers, S.M., a man named John Wright was charged with being found at night at the Victoria Park Bowling Club with intent to commit a felony. The accused was committed for trial at the next court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed.

A Suspect.—Yesterday at the Central Police Court, before Mr. Geo. H. Smithers, S.M., a young man named Robert Fisher was charged with being a suspected person frequenting Belmore Markets with intent to commit a felony, viz., to steal. Mr. Smithers sentenced the accused to six months' imprisonment, with hard labour. The accused said he would appeal.

Stealing Money.—At the Paddington Police Court yesterday, before Mr. F. W. Edwards, S.M., a youth named Charles Percival, aged 19 years, was charged with stealing the sum of £3 from James Kelly and Bernard Kelly, trading as Kelly Brothers, at Woollahra. Accused pleaded guilty, and was fined £5, or in default two months' imprisonment.

THE LINNEAN SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Linnean Society of New South Wales was held at the Linnean Hall, Ithaca-road, Elizabeth Bay, on Wednesday evening. Professor J. T. Wilson, M.B., the president, occupied the chair. Mr. R. Greig Smith, M.Sc., Macleay, bacteriologist, was elected a member of the society. The following papers were read:—1. "On Carabidæ from Western Australia," sent by Mr. A. M. Lea (with descriptions of new genera and species, synoptic tables, &c.) By Thomas G. Sloane. The collection reported on comprises 134 species, of which 33 are described as new. The specimens were obtained in two widely separated districts, South-west Australia and the neighbourhood of Champion Bay, and the East Kimberley district. 2. "Descriptions of new species of Australian Coleoptera. Part v." By Arthur M. Lea. 3. "A Statistical Note on Variations in the flowers of Anguillaria dioica, R. Br." By C. T. Musson, F.L.S. Amongst the notes and exhibits Mr. Maiden contributed the following note on a New Zealand Coprosma, commonly cultivated about Sydney:—The Coprosma, so largely cultivated about Sydney under the name C. lucida, forst., is really C. baueriana, endl. The most conspicuous difference between the two species is that C. lucida, forst., has the leaves acuminate, while C. baueriana, endl., has them obtuse. Hooker f. in Flora Novæ Zealandiæ, part i., p. 104, gives C. lucida, endl., as a synonym of C. baueriana, endl. The mistake in the gardens in Sydney may have arisen by confounding C. lucida, endl., with C. lucida, forst. Mr. Froggatt exhibited leaves of a Banksia covered with the hairy tests of the larvæ of an Homopterous insect of the family Aleyrodidæ, the remarkable white tests forming a hairy coat over the leaves. Mr. North exhibited the skin of a fledgling fan-tailed cuckoo, Cacomantis flabelliformis, which he had caught on the 3rd instant in a gully at Chatswood. It was being fed by its foster-parents, a pair of rock warblers, Origma rubricata, whose nest was found in a dark recess in the rocks a few feet away. Dr. Cox showed a fine specimen of, and communicated a note on, Voluta bednalli, Brazier, from Port Darwin. Dr. Cox also contributed a note on Thersites pachystyla, par., var. subfusco-zonata, var. nov., from Queensland, and he exhibited an illustrative series of specimens, adult and young. Dr. Cox also exhibited very fine specimens of what he looked upon as varieties of Thersites bipartita, ferussac. Mr. Rainbow exhibited specimens of two interesting spiders from the neighbourhood of Sydney, one (Araneus flagellum, doleach.) a long whip-like Theridion, the other (Leptorchestes striatipes, L. koch) an ant-resembling Attid; and he communicated a note on their characteristics and habits.

FEDERATION CONSTITUTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me once more to direct the attention of members of Parliament to the dangers of the provision that the Senate is to be constituted by election yearly of one-third of the total number required. The method is wasteful of time and energy, clumsy, expensive, and, as it seems to me, simply in the interests of conservatism. I have always deemed the similar provision as "the" bane of the constitution of the United States of America. How many times has it proved that the Senate holds one policy and the other House another, for the sole reason that they are not elected at the same time. I have but to quote the leader in to-day's "Herald" on the Sydney Municipal Council, which says: "Certainly it may be thought that the retention of two-thirds of the council is a provision in the present law that makes for undue conservatism, and converts the aldermanic body into a sort of family group that may once in the year receive an addition from without, but keeps its identity unimpaired (!). It is not thus that the council of the nation or the corporations of other great cities are constituted."

Now it is actually provided that we are going to constitute a brand new "great council of the Australian nation" exactly according to that vicious principle! Is there not yet time to rectify? Let true democrats beware. There can be no question whatever that Mr. Bruce Smith was substantially correct when, as a candidate for the Federal Convention, he asserted in his address, and of course approved, that federation—any or all federation—would for all time get rid of the power of the advanced democratic body. With warnings such as this and the quotation from the "Herald," it behoves sound democrats to do their very best at this juncture to keep the path of progress open. I have done my little best at various stages to point out that our danger as a democracy is going to be, not so much that from the antagonism of State interests, but that which will ensue by reason of smallness of numbers of representatives for either House, large areas of constituencies, &c.

Oct. 25. I am, &c., FRED. SALISBURY.

DISORDER AT PUBLIC MEETINGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Is it not a terrible disgrace to our character that a public meeting can scarcely ever be called for any purpose without its business being hindered and injured? The meeting presided over by the Mayor at the Town Hall on Monday evening was no exception to the rule. It was supposed to be a meeting of ratepayers, but in the hall were a score or so of individuals who, by interjections, did their utmost to prevent the speakers on the platform being heard.

In other civilised portions of the world such conduct would not be tolerated for a moment, and it could very easily be avoided here were the police to do their duty instead of standing as they did on the occasion in question leaning against the doors. Were the constables properly instructed they would warn the unruly to keep decent order, and this, failing in its effect, to eject them. This would be an advantage to the audience, and would tend to increase the attendance of very many who are frightened to be present at such gatherings. It would further prove a much-needed lesson to the ill-behaved youth of the country, and would induce the respectable portion of the public to meet more frequently to discuss the many important questions that concern our moral, social, and political position to the advantage of all.

I am, &c.,

Oct. 25. A TAXPAYER FOR 40 YEARS.

Matches to the value of £37,000,000 are annually consumed throughout the world.

MINING IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

THE CANOWINDRA DISTRICT.

No. 1.

(BY OUR SPECIAL MINING REPORTER.)

Canowindra is more generally known as a farming and grazing district to the general reader. Mining, however, to some extent has been followed for years. The nearest railway point is Woodstock, some 17 miles away. The village of Canowindra is a very small one, situated on the north side of Belubula River, and is the centre of a very large and important farming and stock-breeding district. Almost every available acre of Crown land has been taken up by private enterprise, consequently the most of the mining properties come under the Mining on Private Properties Act. It would be hard to assign a reason for the lack of mining enterprise displayed throughout this district. Perhaps it is due to the conditions under which the land is held. I may mention that the Bilabula River divides the Lachlan from the Bathurst mining district in this locality, and that for a considerable distance on the north and south line, a mile to the east of the town, auriferous areas exist. The geological features of the country are similar for at least 20 miles in a north and south direction, the country being composed of diorite, porphyry, slate, and granite rocks in a series of low-lying hills. In most places the richest gold has been discovered in small quartz veins in the diorite country; but they are much larger where they occur between slate and porphyry walls. Generally speaking these rocks are of a much softer nature than similar rocks found on other fields, so that mining is not expensive. The outer or east and west portions of this belt of country are composed entirely of granite rocks similar to those bounding the auriferous channel at Mount M'Donald; but there is a vast difference in the reef occurrence. There there is a number of parallel veins running north and south, a few feet apart in many instances, cutting across the strata of the country. The larger reefs are mostly underlie, with well-defined walls, the stone being a laminated quartz containing a heavy percentage of mineral—galena, iron, and arsenical pyrites. Bunches of solid galena frequently occur, and seem to be associated with the bulk of the gold-bearing stone. The small veins are mostly found in the oxidised zones, where the pyritic contents have been reached out. The Blue Jacket is the most extensively worked property. It is situated on the north side of the Bilabula River, about one mile away. From there to the Perseverance show about a mile and a half to the south of the river gold-bearing areas have been more or less developed by working miners, with some assistance lately from the Government prospecting vote. Apart from reef-mining, a deal of alluvium has been won at Jack's Creek, 12 miles south-east of Canowindra. Some good gold has been taken out of this spot for a considerable time past, but the exceedingly dry weather has had its damaging effect, preventing continuous operations. A good many diggers are engaged fossicking throughout the numerous gullies and the small watercourses; but results have not given more than "tucker." North from the Blue Jacket for some 12 miles a good deal of reefing is going on, but the results have not been encouraging, excepting at O'Brien's reef, owned by Lout, Collis, and party. There a small parcel of 12 tons gave results of 2oz. per ton. Further development is proceeding, the reef being of fair size of a rubbly nature, with oxidised veins running through it. Still further north, at Boney's Rocks, a mine known formerly as the Lady Burdett Coutts, now Bardetta, Limited, is again being worked, this time by a Sydney syndicate, having been withdrawn from sale from the English market. The main shaft is being enlarged and timbered, and a tank excavated with a holding capacity of some 3000 yards. The mine has been worked with good results for many years down to a depth of some 300ft., and for a considerable distance along its course. At the lowest level the reef body is about 12in., and carries much mineral. The country is rock, is a compact diorite, and the ground is therefore somewhat expensive to work. The new owners, however, intend to put the mine in thorough order, and erect a new crushing and concentrating plant. The area of the gold mining lease is large, but the future of the property depends on development below the water level. The limited capital at the disposal of many parties operating between Boney's Rocks and the Blue Jacket is responsible for the non-success of many promising ventures. Up to the present prospecting in the crudest form has been going on for some years past. There is only one small crushing plant on a permanent water supply (Bilabula), and this is some miles distant from many of the shows on the north side of the river. Hitherto what crushings have been taken out have been from picked stone, consequently the results have not been average ones.

EXPERIMENTAL FRUIT ORCHARD.

THE STANDARD FRUIT CASE.

The Minister for Mines and Agriculture was waited upon yesterday by a large deputation of fruitgrowers and others interested in the fruit trade, who asked that an experimental orchard should be cultivated in Central Cumberland; that concessions should be made in the matter of fumigating fruit; and that a standard fruit case should be established. The deputation was accompanied by Messrs. Jessep, Howarth, Terry, and O'Conor, Ms.L.A.

Mr. Howarth said that most of the fruit-growing was carried on within the county of Cumberland, and urgent necessity existed for the establishment of an experimental orchard.

Mr. Jessep pointed out the necessity for special premises being established where fumigating work could be done cheaply and expeditiously. He also explained the difficulties which existed in connection with the adoption of a standard fruit case.

It was urged by Mr. O'Conor that the establishment of an experimental nursery was necessary, in order that the quality of the fruit might be improved. Mr. Fisher said that the fruit sellers required a standard case, such as was recognised in Tasmania. It was stated by Mr. John Knox that the quality of the citrus trees in the district had greatly deteriorated. Some practical suggestions with regard to the fumigation of fruit were made by Mr. J. C. Hunt. One member incidentally remarked "that there was more deceit in the top layer of a fruit case than there was in connection with any other trade in the colony." Several members of the deputation, however, thought that it was expecting too much of the Government to ask it to establish an experimental nursery.

The Minister in reply said that he hoped shortly to pass a bill through the House providing for the establishment of a standard fruit case. He proposed a standard for the bushel and half-bushel respectively, the standard adopted in Tasmania, where it seemed to give satisfaction. It had been stated that on this style of case 6d in every case could be saved in freight to London. This was on a 4s 3d rate. There seemed to be a good deal of difference with regard to the establishment of an experimental nursery. Everything suggested was already being carried out in connection with the different Government farms. There was a nursery at the Hawkesbury College where trees true to the name were being grown, and these trees would probably be ready for distribution next year. The Government, however, did not wish to compete with the nurserymen of the colony. The work suggested was really being done, although not within the county of Cumberland. He would consider the suggestions made with regard to fumigation, and would try to fall in with the suggestions of the deputation.

ACCESS TO MIDDLE HARBOUR.

The expediency of carrying a branch line of the North Shore electric tram system down to the Spit at Middle Harbour was once more brought under the notice of the Minister for Works yesterday when Mr. Dugald Thomson, M.L.A., introduced a deputation representing the Mosman and Manly councils. Mr. Thomson urged upon the Minister that since he was last approached—on which occasion the Railway authorities regarded such a line as unpayable—the line had been carried round to Mosman, and so a passenger-producing circuit had been tapped. The electric system had thus been converted from one involving a loss of 3 per cent. to a paying concern; and if a branch were carried to the Spit it would be highly profitable, as well as meeting the demands of a rapidly expanding residential area and a quickly growing visiting population. Other members having given details of the growth of the locality,

The Minister said he knew from various sources of the rapid advances Mosman was making, and in view of the new condition of affairs he would again ask the Railway Commissioners to inquire into the probable paying capacity of the line, and having in mind that lines often created their own traffic he would fully consider the request of the deputation.

In thanking the Minister, Mr. Thomson asked for better punting provision for the Middle Harbour at periods when the steam punt was undergoing repair. Mr. Young promised inquiry into that matter also.

ANIMALS' PROTECTION SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Animals' Protection Society of New South Wales was held at their rooms, 355 George-street, on Wednesday. The president, Mr. J. de V. Lamb, occupied the chair, and the following members were present:—Messrs. P. N. Trebeck, George Lloyd, W. W. Stephen, and the secretary (F. Montagu Rothery). The secretary reported that since last meeting of the council the Railway Commissioners and the Postmaster-General had been interviewed upon important business in connection with the work of the society. The San Francisco Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals forwarded their thirtieth annual report, containing some useful information, with illustrations of their method of removing stray dogs from the streets by means of nets and waggons constructed for the purpose. A report of the prosecutions conducted in the courts by Inspector E. G. Williams was read to the meeting.

Norwegian seamen are entitled to vote before leaving their country, if the polling day is within three months of their departure, or they can vote at a foreign port within the same time by having their votes sent home through the Norwegian Consul.

REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS FIRMS.

TRADING LAW REFORMS ADVOCATED.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE.

The necessity for a reform in the laws relating to trade and commerce has long formed a subject of discussion in commercial circles, and especially amongst the members of the Merchants and Traders' Association. A deputation from that body, consisting of Mr. Q. L. Deloitte (Colonial Sugar Company), chairman; Mr. L. E. Isaacs (Feldheim and Gotthelf); Mr. J. Gibbs, managing director; and Mr. S. J. Douglass, secretary of the association, yesterday waited upon the Minister for Justice, with a view of urging the necessity of the Government asking Parliament to adopt certain legislative reforms.

Mr. Deloitte said the association wished to urge the necessity of the Government bringing in a bill similar to the Act in force in Victoria, under the provisions of which the names of all persons trading under "firm names" had to be registered. This arrangement would do away with the trouble which now arose when traders were unfortunately compelled to take legal proceedings against firms whose partners were unknown. It would also enable traders to find out whether a man upon whom they were relying had left a firm to which credit was being given in the belief that he was in the firm. He could mention many instances where firms had been carrying on business for years under old-established titles and names, the original owners of which had long since either died or retired from the businesses, and their interests in the firms settled, yet the trading public, not having been made aware of these changes, had continued to give credit to the new firms under the impression that the old partners and capital were still interested in the firms. The association was satisfied that if the Victorian law was adopted it would be of incalculable service to merchants and traders and the commercial community generally.

Mr. J. Gibbs remarked that the difficulty experienced by merchants and traders in not being able to ascertain the names of some of the firms with whom they did business came under his notice daily. The uncertainty as to their constituents was a serious inconvenience to traders, and engendered, in some cases, a feeling of distrust that was not conducive to commercial intercourse.

The Minister for Justice, in reply, said that he had had a long connection with commercial matters, and it had been apparent to him for a number of years of years that there should be some law under which legal identification would be made readily accessible to the general public in regard to the partners in business firms. Any man acquainted with the commerce of to-day, and the ramifications of business firms, must know that it was a difficult matter to initiate a legal process to discover the names of the partners in a business firm. Under those circumstances he approved of the object of the deputation; but he saw no prospect of bringing in a bill this session to deal with the matter. He would have a bill prepared this session, and if in office next session would introduce it into Parliament.

Mr. Deloitte said that some time ago the former Minister for Justice promised to have reports obtained from Victoria and Tasmania as to the operation in those colonies of a bill of sales law under which a man had to give 14 days' notice of his intention to execute a bill of sale over his personal chattels. The law worked well in these colonies, and was only an act of justice to the merchant and trader. He hoped the Minister would see his way clear to introduce a similar law into New South Wales.

The Minister for Justice said he would require to see what had been done by his predecessor before he could give an answer to the request. Personally, he thought this formed a portion of the reform of the commercial laws which the Premier had intimated it was the intention of the Government to undertake. It he (the Minister), after looking into the matter, considered the example of Victoria should be followed, he would recommend the Premier to submit such a reform to the approval of Parliament.

EXTENSION OF THE ST. PETERS TRAM.

A deputation consisting of the aldermen and other residents of St. Peters was introduced to the Minister for Works (Mr. J. H. Young) yesterday by Mr. Rigg, M.L.A., who was accompanied by Mr. Molesworth, M.L.A. The deputation asked the Minister that what was termed the St. Peters tram should be extended from its present terminus in Newtown near the St. Peters Bridge to the Cook's River dam.

The Minister, in reply, said that in railways and tramways the Government must be guided by commercial principles. Some remarks had been made regarding the Rose Bay and Willoughby extensions. He could assure the people of the colony that neither extension had been carried out until he had been assured that there would be a paying return for the money spent. He did not mean to say that in every matter the Minister should be guided by the Railway Commissioners, but still they were in a better position to judge of the probable traffic on any line than any Minister or officer of the Works Department. Now, with regard to the proposed extension he could say that if it was on a road where electric power could be used under present circumstances it would have a better chance, as the cost of construction would be lessened, and he might say parenthetically that it was within the bounds of probability that in the course of a few years all the lines would be run by electricity. The reports he had on the extension were dated three or four years ago, and they were not favourable to it. The deputation had, however, made out a good case, and if the report of the officer whom he would depute to investigate the matter was sufficiently favourable he would be just as pleased as any resident of St. Peters to carry out the work.

LANDS OFFICE DAY.

The homestead blocks in the Cooma, Carcoar, and Warren land districts which became available for the first time yesterday were mostly comparatively small areas, conveniently situated with regard to centres of population, and suitable for persons following urban or other pursuits, and desirous of supplementing their earnings by bee and poultry farming, fruit-growing, &c., &c. Two of these were applied for, and from the remnants of areas which had been available for some time, in the Wagga, Windsor, Narrandera, Tenterfield, Kempsey, Cassilis, and Burrowa districts, 11 were taken, covering an area of 2417 acres.

Three settlement lease farms on Coomoo Coomoo holding in the Murrurundi district, were opened for settlement, and one covering 3760 acres was applied for.

Under the conditional purchase clauses of the Crown Lands Acts there were 27 applications with an area of 6329 acres, of which 8 were original conditional purchases, 13 additional, and 6 conditional leases.

In addition to the above the Crown lands agent at Cobar reports the sale on Monday last of two improvement lease blocks containing 24,359 acres.

THE WASTE OF TIMBER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 18th instant you obligingly inserted a few observations of mine having reference to injury to climate in the interior likely to result from the wholesale destruction of the West Bogan and other pine scrubs. I now desire, with your favour, to offer a few remarks bearing chiefly on the timber-wasting aspect of these proceedings, and consequent national loss occasioned thereby. It is estimated that an acre will sustain about 300 trees—at a distance of 12ft. apart—and that these trees within 30 years of thinning, at present rates, will readily sell at 2s 6d per tree.

By a recent return of the forest branch of the Lands Department, furnished by direction of the Minister for Lands, which appeared in your issue of the 22nd ultimo, it is shown that the average cost of thinning has been 5s 3d per acre, and that the mature trees will readily sell at the prices mentioned. Now, Sir, assuming the average cost of thinning and management from first to last to be, say, 20s per acre, at the above estimate of value it will be seen that within 30 years a single acre will produce the magnificent return of £36 10s—£1 4s 4d annually, after paying expenses. Nor is this chimerical, for we have, on the undisputed authority of James Brown, in "The Forester," in speaking of the value of timber crops in the south of Scotland and north of England, instances in which he says (par. 127), "We have seen the matured crops of larch sold at prices varying from £150 up to £350 the acre, and the land on which the crops grew being valued at rates varying from 10s to 15s per acre per annum, and crops when cleared were from 65 to 76 years standing." In par. 129, speaking of the same locality, he says: "We have seen crops of matured Scots pine sold at rates per acre varying from £65 up to £200, the age of these might be 75 years, and the rent of land about 15s per acre." At the present time the Lands Department, by its own showing, is destroying our inland pine forests in a wholesale way, and for what? a beggarly average annual rental, including cost of scrubbing and clearing, of about 1½d per acre, which in the 30 years will only amount to—less cost of scrubbing and clearing—4s 4½d per acre, with all the other looked for advantages to the State, or to individuals as yet unproved and problematical. Surely, Sir, there is something wrong in this state of things, to say nothing of the risks to climate and the well known fact that healthy forests always tend to its improvement. Re the extravagant use and waste of timber in this country and to its pending consequences so often complained of, and the more than justifiable grounds for alarm it is creating in some minds (see instance of this in a report of Mr. District-Surveyor Elsworth to the Minister for Lands under the heading "Ironbark Forests," which appeared in your issue of Saturday week last), surely in these things there are grounds for a little sober reflection on the part of those who are guiding our public affairs.

I am, &c.,

October 22. AUGUSTUS RUDDER.

The cactus is an extraordinarily useful plant. The Arab finds in it food, drink, and also fodder for his cattle and camels. The figs he eats, and drinks the abundant supply of juice found in the fleshy leaves, while the camels chew up what remains.

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CITY RAILWAY EXTENSION.

DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER FOR WORKS.

Yesterday a deputation waited upon the Minister for Works to urge the extension of the railway from Redfern to St. James-road, city. There were present representatives of eastern, western, northern, and Illawarra suburbs, amongst others being Messrs. J. J. Cohen, Dight, Archer, Jessep, Molesworth, Terry, Rigg, Garland, Nobbs, Wright, Ms.L.A., Ferris, G. J. Waterhouse, J. M. Sandy, J. Upward, W. J. Stephenson (president of the Parramatta Progress Association), Alderman Griffin (Mayor of Hurstville), W. J. Humphery, A. R. Troup, Alderman Sproule, J. M. Purves, Alderman Stinson (Burwood), F. J. Josephson (Mayor of Ashfield), J. Abbott, Alderman Cardew (Mayor of Burwood), J. N. Morton, Alderman Scholes (Burwood), Craig, G. M. Lawrence, Flesby, Alderman Ahearn (Burwood), Wallace, and J. W. Watkin.

Mr. Wise, in introducing the deputation, said it was the outcome of a movement initiated two years ago by a body which bore the name of the City Railway Extension Alliance. The object of the alliance was merely to advocate the extension of the railway to the city without indicating any particular route, the alliance confining its efforts to agitation. Since then the matter had been thoroughly investigated, with the result that the question before the Ministry and the public was the adoption of one particular route, or the shelving of the extension to the city for an almost indefinite period. Investigations had been made by the Public Works Committee and the Railway Commissioners, and they had agreed that there was only one practicable route. All other schemes had been put on one side after careful inquiry. The question was comparatively simple—whether the St. James'-road scheme was to be adopted, or whether the present state of things was to continue. It was felt that the present arrangements could not continue, because they were a menace to the public safety. This matter concerned every railway traveller. The Commissioners had reported that the present arrangements were unsafe—that they were a continual danger to passengers. If any serious railway accident were to occur the expense to the Government would be enormous. There would be practically no defence, since the Commissioners had reported that the state of things now was a public danger. Then as to the expense, the Commissioners had reported that the extension would be a profitable investment.

Alderman Upward, chairman of the City Railway Extension Alliance, said that members of the deputation viewed with alarm the statements that had been made in the House as to the advisability of bringing forward an alternative scheme. If that were done it would be simply shelving the question. They were supported in their request by the results of the labours of two Royal Commissions, the Public Works Committee, and by the evidence of such men as the late Mr. Eddy. The scheme which the deputation proposed would afford facilities for four times the present traffic, it would only require a very small amount of property to be resumed, it was the least expensive, and it would give a fair return. The only objection to it was a sentimental one. The portion of the park which would be utilised for the railway would, if so appropriated, serve a larger number of people than it did at present. Those who urged that it was a proposal to take away the lungs of the city only had to observe the large amount of park land which Sydney possessed in order to perceive how valueless the objection was. The fact was that this question was made a stalking-horse for many people who had vested interests.

Mr. Alexander Wilson also spoke. He traced the history of the agitation for the railway extension, and said that the Premier whilst speaking in the House had pointed out the danger of the present terminal arrangements. Since then the Premier had taken no action in the matter except to block the extension.

Alderman Stinson (of Burwood), Mr. J. Abbott, Mr. Archer, M.L.A., Dr. Quaife, Alderman Griffin, and Mr. Dight, M.L.A., also spoke.

The Minister, in reply, said that in view of what had been stated as to the utterances of himself in the past it was not necessary for him to make many observations on the matter. His utterances showed that he had been in sympathy with the proposal to extend the railway into the city for a considerable time past. At the same time it was a question upon which there were differences of opinion. The moment he arranged to receive that deputation he had been requested to arrange to receive a deputation of gentlemen who were as strongly opposed to what was proposed as those who were present were in favour of it. But so far as he was concerned he did not desire to retract anything he had said in reference to the matter. At the same time they must remember that he was only the Minister for Works. He was not the whole Cabinet, and it was not within his power to give a direct answer and say whether he would take direct steps to carry out the line or not. He would place before the Cabinet all the statements which had been made; and if he expressed a hope that that course would bring about a satisfactory conclusion of the whole affair, he hoped that would be all the deputation would expect from him. He desired to see an extension made, because the traffic was undoubtedly too great for the present terminal arrangements at Redfern. He hoped the result of the deputation would be satisfactory to the gentlemen who had attended.

THE VICTORIA HOME FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your instructive leading article in Saturday's issue informs the majority of readers in New South Wales that "the work of the Queen Victoria Consumptive Homes Fund is once again before the public."

The subject is worthy the attention of every thoughtful member of the community, and I beg leave to express a few opinions upon the present position of affairs in connection with the fund. You recognise the satisfactory results of "the first enthusiasm," and I think it will not be difficult to show the reason of the evident lack of sustained effort. Such falling-off was made patent by the attendance at the recent annual meeting, when those present were fewer than are the names of the committee of the fund, though the Viscountess Hampden occupied the chair.

As a matter of fact, the fading of enthusiasm is probably due in no small measure to the want of action on the part of the executive as a body, for it is only within recent weeks that any attempt has been made to alleviate any such distress as the fund was specially formed to deal with. I refer at this moment to the commendable decision of the executive (acting partly under outside pressure) to take over the management of the institution so long maintained by one who proved himself to be a practical philanthropist—Colonel J. H. Goodlet.

When the movement under notice was first initiated I spoke to a few members of the committee, and suggested that the Thirlmere Home should be taken over by that committee, incorporated in their plans, and treated as one of the contemplated homes. I was told, in reply, that the idea was impracticable, and that the locality was not adapted for the purpose (though years of beneficial results tended to show to the contrary). Now, after long delay, a like idea has been adopted, and the appeal to the public has been partially justified.

I wish to be clear in stating that from the first starting of the movement I have been anxious to humbly, but in every possible manner, show my practical sympathy with it; but my disappointment at the past inactivity has, to my knowledge, been shared by many others, otherwise this communication would lack force.

Early in 1897 a large general committee was formed, and it was soon seen that numbers of the names added were only on the list because their owners were friends of friends of friends of those who were taking an active interest in the movement. (In this fact is found a cause of blight upon many committees.) Some have signally justified their inclusion in the list, as, for example, from one family represented on the executive the fund has received hundreds of pounds as the result of personal exertion; others have similarly worked. There are instances of individuals who cannot be termed wealthy, but who have contributed tens of pounds. Yet, what did the numerous published lists show? That of the large majority many did not contribute—directly or indirectly—as many shillings. But they presumably retain their positions on the general committee, and have exhibited so much (or so little) interest in the affairs of the fund that their presence was not even afforded on the occasion of the annual meeting, neither were apologies tendered for their absence.

Now as to the part played by the general public. It has been said that £30,000 will be required to establish the proposed homes. I venture to assert that the public never contemplated that any substantial amount collected would be allowed to remain idle until the whole of the above-mentioned sum could be gathered together. It requires no particular power of prophecy to support an assertion that, if the new buildings are not to be commenced until £30,000 are collected, the plans and specifications need not be prepared for many years, at least not in this century. Meanwhile the money collected remains idle, so far as practical purposes are concerned.

It is now time that the executive committee removed all doubt as to future action by calling a general meeting of subscribers for the purpose of hearing the views of supporters as to the utilising of the comparatively large amount (£15,000) at present deposited in the banks.

"Homes or hospitals in suitable localities for the admission of persons suffering from phthisis" were in view when the fund was opened; let a commencement be made without delay, and the public will doubtless respond to the call.

Though it may not be convenient or necessary to give poultry and wine to a starving family, are we then to abstain from furnishing bread and milk? It may not be at present practicable to perform all that was contemplated for all those suffering from consumption in various stages; let something, however, be done for a number of them.

I write this feeling that many workers will welcome this letter, even though it may displease a few others.

I am, &c.,

October 23. COLEMAN P. HYMAN.

The quarries from which the ancient Greeks obtained their marble were lost for nearly a thousand years, but were recently rediscovered, and are now being worked by an English company. They are near Larissa.

FOR PRESERVING, PURIFYING, and beautifying the skin, scalp, and hair of infants, and preventing the first symptoms of distressing rashes, nothing so pure, so sweet, so wholesome as CUTICURA SOAP, greatest of skin purifying and beautifying soaps, as well as purest and sweetest for toilet, bath, and nursery. For pimples, blotches, red, rough, oily, mothy skin, dry, thin, and falling hair, red, rough hands, it is simply incomparable. Absolutely pure, delicately medicated, exquisitely perfumed, surprisingly effective, it produces the whitest, clearest skin, the softest hands, and most luxuriant hair.—Advt.

ENGLISH MAIL NEWS.

The Berlin correspondent of the "Daily News" telegraphs:—The following occurrence happened at the manœuvres in Alsace-Lorraine. A sergeant named Robert Scheidhardt had to prepare some food, which did not turn out satisfactorily, and was therefore called to account by his captain, Count zu Stolberg-Wernigerode. The sergeant is said to have answered him rudely. Hereupon Count Stolberg gave the sergeant a box on the ear. On the latter turning round the captain drew his sword and pierced the sergeant behind the ear, death ensuing shortly after. The officer was arrested.

The Queen has sent £250 to the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of the distress caused by the hurricane in the West Indies. The Prince of Wales has also forwarded 100 guineas. The Duke of York has sent £26 5s.

The war correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" telegraphs from Cairo:—"It is stated by a responsible official that the Sirdar is to be made Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, and that he will receive a sum of £25,000. The Sultan, though advised to do so, refuses to make Sir Herbert Kitchener a Mushir. The Khedive is powerless to confer a marshal's rank on a foreign subject."

The death of Major De Winton, one of the best-known Anglo-Australians in London, will (says the "Westminster Gazette") cause widespread regret in the Australasian colonies. The gallant major served with the Wiltshire Regiment—now known as 99th, or "Nines"—in Australia in the "forties," and had command of the detachment that was sent up to found the Gladstone Colony in what is now Queensland. An important town in Central Queensland is named after him. His experiences in dealing with the convicts in Eastern Australia, Norfolk Island, and Tasmania were unique, and have been recorded in an interesting book which he wrote a short time ago. The major was a lifelong friend of Mr. Gladstone, for whom he had a great admiration and respect.

Prince Henry of Orleans, in an article in the Paris "Figaro," argues that the occupation of Fashoda destroys the importance of the British capture of Khartoum, and maintains that the French have superior rights at Fashoda to those of Great Britain or Egypt. The "Temps" deprecates as an irreparable disaster for the cause of humanity and progress a rupture between the two great Western Powers, and urges that it would be inadmissible to proclaim, on the strength of subsequent events, the "illegality of events which have taken place under the benefit of a special regime," and to claim to proceed by way of eviction where there can only be friendly negotiations and reciprocal engagements.

Professor Koch, accompanied by several assistants, has gone to Italy for the purpose of continuing his researches on malaria. The Italian university laboratories have been placed at his disposal by the Government, which will do everything to facilitate his work. On leaving Italy he will proceed to Greece. This first journey will be of a preliminary character, and will be finished within three months. Afterwards, says "Nature," he will visit the fever districts in East Africa, India, and New Guinea, and will be absent there for about two years. The expenses of the expedition will be defrayed by the German Government. Colonial medical officers before going to the tropics will attend courses of instruction at the Institute for Infectious Diseases, in order to be trained in the diagnosis and treatment of tropical diseases under the special supervision of Professor Koch and his assistants.

Miss Flora Shaw has just returned from a pleasant little trip to Klondyke. A most interesting letter from her pen, extending over four columns, appears in the "Times" of September 19. Perhaps her most piquant passage is that in which Miss Shaw tells of the carelessness with which the gold is handled in the mines, which she says is equal to the recklessness with which it is spent in the towns: "Any receptacle is good enough to hold gold. Disused tobacco canisters and apricot tins stand full of nuggets upon the shelves. Sacks of gold dust are flung upon the floor. One little pack train of three mules brought down a few days ago £30,000 worth of gold in common sacks, over which the mule driver, acting on his own initiative, fastened a bit of sailcloth, lest a mule falling on a rock, or a branch accidentally ripping open the sack, should chance to spill the gold dust. The whole lot was thrown with other goods into the packer's office, and remained there until the following morning." The wonder is that the packmen do not make off with some of their precious loads. No doubt there is considerable gold in Klondyke, but it is not likely that many of the 20,000 men who have established themselves in Dawson City alone will return much richer.

On Saturday, September 17, the body of the murdered Empress Elisabeth of Austria was borne to the vaults beneath the Church of the Capucins, in Vienna, with all the magnificent ceremonial handed down from the days of the Holy Roman Empire. Every Power in Europe, great and small, was represented among the guests who supported the Emperor Francis Joseph in this crowning affliction of a life of sorrow, while the grief of the people was genuine and heartfelt, and found silent expression among the mourning crowds which thronged the route of the funeral procession. Among the foreign Sovereigns and representatives present at the funeral were the German Emperor, the Kings of Saxony, Roumania, and Servia, the Crown Prince of Italy, Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, representing Queen Victoria, and the Grand Duke Alexis, representing the Czar. The funeral service was conducted by the Archbishop of Vienna. Queen Victoria sent a wreath composed of pale pink chrysanthemums, tuberoses, violets, lilies, and palm leaves, and the wreath from the Princess of Wales was formed with Marechal Niel roses, violets, and palms. The former bore the following inscription in German received from her Majesty in a cypher telegram:—"Ein Zeichen der innigsten Freundschaft und Verehrung von ihrer getreuesten Schwester Victoria R.I." (A token of the deepest friendship and veneration from her faithful sister Victoria R.I.) The wreath was inscribed:—"From the Prince and Princess of Wales. Sister, thou art gone before us, and thy saintly soul is flown where tears are wiped from every eye and sorrow is unknown."

The official organ in Vienna contains an Imperial rescript founding a new order and medals of St. Elisabeth, in memory of the late Empress, and in honour of her patron saint, St. Elisabeth of Thuringia, to be conferred upon women and girls who merit the distinction in the various avocations of life.

The Paris correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" reports that he has inspected registers of baptisms at the Madeleine 1843, 1844, and 1845. The name of De Rougemont is not once mentioned. The correspondent also went to the Palace of Justice and inspected the archives of the Seine. No male child named De Rougemont was born in Paris between 1840 and 1849, nor was a child named Louis de Rougemont registered in Paris until 1859. But the parents' names are not the same as those mentioned.

COUNTRY HOSPITALS AND PAUPER PATIENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Referring to the deputation to the Colonial Secretary and the remarks since appearing in your paper, it seems to have been lost sight of by the speakers for and against that the country hospitals do the duties of benevolent asylums in outside districts. In such parts many aged and incurable cases are received, and cannot be removed to Sydney owing to the difficult and tiresome journey. Thus, they become inmates for many months, a year, or more, and must die in the institution which has given them shelter. Some 15 years ago I call to remembrance where two aged men sent from a country hospital to the Benevolent Asylum, and having to travel a continuous coach journey of 125 miles to a railway station, these poor creatures were found dead by the driver ere they arrived at the final stage. Such travelling is sufficiently tiresome and arduous for the healthy, but often fatal to the aged and sick.

Whilst admitting that the Government support these charitable institutions well, still the weak point is that the public themselves do not do so according to their means, or recognise their responsibilities to the cause of the sick, aged, and improvident, who will be with us to the end of time. For instance, taking an average of three years in a district of some 10,000 inhabitants I find that the persons subscribing each year are only 266, out of which one-third are subscribers of £1 and upwards, constituting themselves members; and the average amount per head exclusive of these is 5s each. The funds thus obtained, subsidised largely by entertainments, &c., and the Government subsidy, barely enable the hospital to be maintained. Were each adult male to contribute 5s or each head of population 1s annually it would provide sufficient funds for this necessary object without any aid from the Government. I maintain, therefore, that what is required is that, firstly, benevolent asylums should be established in central country districts, such as Tamworth, Goulburn, Dubbo, &c.; and that, secondly, a hospital rate or tax should be collected for the benefit of each district hospital.

Such must come in time, or we must have workhouses and a poor rate as in Great Britain.

I am, &c.,

October 24. HOSPITAL SURGEON.

EARLY CLOSING OF SHOPS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—When I took up my pen to write on the above subject I had no idea to enter into a paper controversy, but the short-sighted and narrow-minded letter signed by the secretary of the Hairdressers' Association leaves me very little choice, so I crave your indulgence for space for this letter, which will be the last I will write on this important subject. If any liberal-minded person reads my letter of the 17th instant he can see I was advocating for an all-round reduction in the hours of labour for the employees of most of the business places in the city of Sydney (hairdresser's assistants included), but at the same time not interfering with the liberty of any citizen. It does not need much knowledge to understand the antagonistic views in reply to my proposition for the welfare of the employees when the secretary of the H.A. accuses me of demoralising the trade for charging a fair price for fair labour in these depressed times. Now, the secretary of the H.A. thinks my letter only referred to our trade. Are there not many businesses worse off than ours? Do not the hairdressers' assistants, collectively speaking, have hours off at a stretch in the middle of the day, when they sit down and smoke? But in the evening when the restaurant, hotel, and many other business employees knock off work, the hairdressers are busy till 9 p.m. and even after. Is that not sufficient reason to ask only for my liberty of action in this matter?

I am, &c., SAMUEL LEVY.

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CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION.

SUCCESSFUL YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING.

The meetings in connection with the thirty-third annual session of the Congregational Union of New South Wales were continued yesterday, the morning and afternoon meetings being held in the School-hall, Pitt-street.

At 11 a.m. the Rev. W. Allen (Petersham) read a paper on "How to Safeguard Our Young People." The safeguarding of the young, said Mr. Allen, must come from within. The danger of the soul being caught by the temptations of the world could only be overcome by the creation of a spirit which was not of this world. Influences to be effective must be vitally appropriated inwardly, and he who would stand must rely on an inward power. The surmounting of the obstacles to progress early in the Christian life would ensure a triumph over obstacles to be encountered later on. Early conversion was one of the best of inward safeguards. A clear knowledge of being in Christ and a conscious devotion to a personal and living God would be a great safeguard to any young man or maiden. This was indeed the safeguard which included all others. Amongst home safeguards the most important was a confidence born of love between parents and children. Invisible walls were apt to erect themselves between parents and children, so that upon the matters most deeply concerning their welfare children could more easily speak to anyone than to parents. In a home they should have expression rather than repression. They should not meet the demonstrativeness of youth with repellent frigidity. Again, if parents desired that their children should profit by the experience they themselves had gained, they must not approach them in a censorious spirit, otherwise insincerity might be engendered which would destroy the very foundations of character. There were some persons zealous in their warfare against impurity who adopted what he thought were questionable and even pernicious methods. There were some evils that could best be overcome by running away. Many people had been made unchaste, at any rate in thought if not in action, by poring over books on chastity. Some addresses to "men only" were eminently calculated to defeat the speaker's purpose. A few wise and tender words as the physical mystery of our being, an earnest appeal for reverence towards God's temple—the body—would do more than the most brilliant efforts of the most gifted lecturers. The force of a right example must also be given in the home. Their children must be shown that they were sincere. A mother's love was a strong and powerful factor in safeguarding youth, and would prove a strong anchor binding a man to goodness. Amongst outward influences they might perhaps count church fellowship. Every pastor should strive to safeguard his young people by guiding their youthful energies into the best channel. From church fellowship there came the blessings of spiritual and social relationships. They should surround their young people with bright and happy people who were serving the Lord, and the example would have a powerful influence. Outdoor amusements and recreations might be Christianised by religious influence, and this was a more real and vital point than many might suppose. They must realise their individual responsibility, and not allow their hands to slack, because God needed their help in this safeguarding of the young people.

An interesting discussion followed, in which the leading ministers and laymen present joined.

A devotional meeting was held at 2.30, over which the Rev. J. Beckenham presided. The business session for the day followed, under the presidency of the Rev. A. J. Griffith, M.A., chairman of the union. The Revs. Ramsford Bavin, W. Halse Rogers, and Mr. M'Clelland were present as delegates from the Wesleyan Conference, and were welcomed by the chairman, each briefly responding to the greetings extended.

It was decided to refer the question of appointing a delegate to the International Congregational Conference, to be held next year at Boston, U.S.A., to the general committee for consideration.

The following members of the union were elected members of the Council of the Churches:—The chairman of the union, the Revs. J. Fordyce, M.A., Dr. T. Roseby, E. T. Dunstan, and Mr. W. E. Hawkins.

The report of the work of the Sunday School Union for the year was presented by Mr. W. G. Lewis, and showed that satisfactory work had been accomplished. They had 7000 scholars and 500 teachers connected with the union, and the numbers presenting themselves at the examinations this year were double that of last. A sum of £1400 had been raised since the establishment of the union towards the relief of suffering children in hospitals. They had raised £50 per year for some years, but of late had experienced some difficulty in getting the necessary sum together. Mr. Lewis appealed to those present not to allow this work to fall through for lack of funds.

The following resolution, moved by Mr. A. N. Pidgeon, after being discussed at some length, was referred to the general committee:—"That in consequence of the scarcity of churches and preaching stations in many of the country districts of this colony and the absence of any opportunity for Divine worship, this union take immediate action to remedy this condition of affairs as far as possible, and that in order to obtain funds for this work a week of self-denial be arranged from December 4 to 10 next."

On the motion of Mr. T. Miller the following motion was unanimously carried,—"That in order to celebrate the incoming of the 20th century the committee be requested to consider and formulate some scheme for the extinction of the existing debts upon all the Churches of our order."

CAMDEN COLLEGE.

During the afternoon the 34th annual meeting of the founders and subscribers of Camden College was held, the Rev. G. Campbell presiding. The report presented was of a satisfactory character, and the balance sheet showed an improvement in the financial condition of the council as compared with the previous year.

The report stated that at the last annual meeting the vacancies occurring in the council were filled by the re-election of Rev. W. Mathison, B.A., Dr. Roseby, Sir J. R. Fairfax, Mr. P. Sydney Jones, M.D., and Mr. H. C. Kent, M.A. The vacancies occurring through the resignation of Messrs. J. G. Thompson and Thomas Pratt were filled by the election of Messrs. W. E. Hawkins and C. H. Slayter. The members of the council whose term of office expired during the year, Revs. G. Campbell, N. J. Cocks, M.A., and Messrs. W. J. Green and Henry Pratt, were re-elected, and Mr. W. S. Buzacott was elected in place of Mr. B. W. Hardie, who was unable to serve on the council.

MEETING FOR YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN.

In the evening a meeting for "young men and women" was held in the Petersham Church, with Mr. T. Miller in the chair. The choir of the Petersham Church, under the conductorship of Mr. Walker, led the service of praise. There was a good attendance, the young people being especially in evidence.

The Chairman delivered a short address, urging upon the young people the wisdom of being guided and advised by those who had fought to some extent the battle of life.

The Rev. C. Whyte, M.A., delivered an address upon "Christ in the Home," which evoked frequent manifestations of approval from the audience. There should, he said, be melody in the home. The more they could keep home sacred the better. There was an old Jewish proverb which said, "God could not be everywhere, and so He made mothers." There was much in that proverb. They should so keep their homes that the memories of them would be ever an inspiration and a delight. They should so make their home attractive that the heart would turn to it as to a natural centre, bringing relief from the strain of life. The imagination should be filled with holy pictures such as could never lose their power to charm. They should remember that in the home they were training men and women who were to enrich the world and embellish the celestial city to all eternity. The earthly home was but a broken light of the heavenly, and was nearly related to God. They should cultivate courtesy, politeness, and attention to all about them in the home. Above all they should remember that their bodies were Christ's, and should not be found in places that were under the patronage of the devil. By keeping in touch with Christ they could carry life to its highest possibilities, and make people about them feel that Christ was with them.

The Rev. Dr. Roseby spoke upon "Christ in the City." One was almost led to ask, he said, if the element of Christ in civic and national life had been dropped out of the Gospel when they heard the opinions expressed by some. The Gospel did make provision for the welfare of the city. It was a question of burning interest for all of them. It was urged by some that everybody should take care of himself, and thus in the aggregation of the individual they would secure the wellbeing of all. But that was not the teaching of the Gospel of Christ, nor was it the teaching of the ancients. Dr. Roseby then quoted from Aristotle to show the high ideal he held as to civic and national life and the necessity for fellowship in the commonwealth. If they allowed that the Gospel taught them to allow civic and national life to take care of itself, then would they fall below the level of ancient civilisation and drop out one of the noblest elements of human life. The Gospel was full of the social and civic element. The kingdom of heaven was not something afar off in the future, but it was the establishment of brotherhood and justice "here and now" among the children of men. Referring to the totalisator, Dr. Roseby said that it was the deacon of a Baptist church who was the means of the introduction of that terrible gambling machine into New Zealand, with the result that there was expended on it every year nearly four millions sterling. They had calculated that if introduced into New South Wales it would mean the subvention of nearly £400,000 per annum. But they must all remember that Christ would have to be reckoned with in the future by those who worked evil, by the sweater, and the man who was responsible for social wreckage and for the destruction of innocence. They must give Christ His lawful place in civic and national life, and only by that means could they drive out and overcome sin and win souls, redeemed at countless cost, from despair.

The Rev. W. J. L. Closs, B.A., also delivered an address upon the subject of "Christ in the Church," which he said was the highest subject of all.

THE ANGLICAN CONFERENCE AND SUNDAY CLOSING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—From what is reported to have been said at the conference on social questions last Monday it might be inferred that many of those present favoured on certain conditions the reopening of public-houses on Sundays. No vote was taken, therefore no definite decision was given. But as far as I could judge there was an overwhelming majority against any reopening. Further, judging by the hearty applause that followed when a speaker touched upon the point, there was an emphatic desire that the Government should make the present law more effective by introducing the amendment recommended by the Royal Commission that inquired into the whole question. I am, &c.,

October 27. F. B. BOYCE.

The only manufactory of wooden skewers in the world, it is supposed, exists at Toledo, Ohio, whence millions of them are shipped to England. They are made by machinery from hickory blocks. Between eighty and ninety thousand are turned out every day.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.

The President took the chair at half-past 4 o'clock.

ACCUSED PERSONS' EVIDENCE BILL.

Mr. TRICKETT moved the third reading of this bill.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was read a third time, and it was ordered that it be returned to the Legislative Assembly with amendments.

THE SUPPLY BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the suspension of the standing orders to admit of the Government Supply Bill being passed through all its stages in one day.

The motion was agreed to.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the first reading of the bill.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill was read a first time.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of the bill. He said he did not approve of the idea of a supply bill, but at this time of the year it was absolutely impossible to pass the Estimates through, and it was necessary to obtain supplies.

Mr. A. BROWN said that the Premier had boasted four years ago that he would abolish the system of supply bills and introduce a cash basis system instead. Now he was only doing what the other Treasurers had done. Such an action was but an element of the instability of the promises of the Reid Government. However, he would not oppose the bill, because it sought only such money as was necessary for the public services. He desired to call attention to a case of gross miscarriage of justice. Two young men had recently gone to the tent of a Hindoo hawker in Maitland. One represented himself as a police sergeant, the other as a police constable. They demanded to be allowed to examine the Hindoo's horse as to whether it was affected with tick. While the Hindoo was away getting the horse the young men robbed his tent, and when he returned they coerced him into giving them a bridle in lieu of money as payment for destroying the horse. Afterwards they were arrested and one magistrate bailed them out. In due course they were presented before a police magistrate and two honorary magistrates. They were each fined 20s for stealing, and the one was also fined 20s for impersonating a police sergeant. They should have been committed for trial, and would have been, he had no doubt, but that they were respectably connected. He (Mr. Brown) had been on friendly terms with the two magistrates, but he was determined to risk that friendship in order to expose what he regarded as a gross piece of injustice. So he wrote to the Government three weeks ago, and the Government had not had the courtesy to reply to his letter.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL said he regarded the case on the facts as stated as one of gross miscarriage of justice, and he would call the attention of his colleagues to it.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL, who entered the Chamber at a later stage, rose to explain that the papers forwarded by Mr. Brown had only reached him yesterday, and he had at once sent them on to the Justice Department. The matter was one which Mr. Brown had every justification in bringing under notice, and he (the Attorney-General) could not understand the delay in the transit of the papers.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was read a second time, passed through all its stages, and returned to the Legislative Assembly without amendments.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS BILL.

The VICE PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the third reading of the Medical Practitioners Bill.

The motion was agreed to, the bill was read the third time, and it was ordered that it be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly with the usual message.

METROPOLITAN SALEYARDS (FEES) BILL.

Mr. COX moved the second reading of this bill. He said the measure came forward from the last session at the stage it had then reached. Its object was to reduce the scale of fees for the yarding and sale of cattle. The money invested by the council for accommodation for the sale of cattle, &c., was £73,000, and under the rates provided in the bill the council would get in £5730 net per annum. That was a very fair return on the money invested.

The motion was agreed to by 18 votes to 8. The bill was read a second time and passed through committee without amendments. The third reading was made an order for next sitting day.

ILLAWARRA HARBOUR AND LAND CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. KETHEL moved the second reading of this bill, the object of which was to grant an extension of time (two years) to the Illawarra Harbour and Land Company for the completion of the railway line to their mineral deposits and the harbour works, permission to carry out which had been given by Parliament in 1890. The Legislative Council had appointed a select committee to inquire among other things why the company had not carried out the authorised works within the stipulated time—namely, eight years. The company frankly acknowledged that the cause was a financial one, but they had now a scheme in hand for the issue of £200,000 worth of debentures. The works, he believed, would become payable, and would tend to open up back country.

Mr. HOSKINS said the works would never pay, and he hoped the bill would not pass.

Mr. PILCHER said that the House gave permission to the company to undertake the work on paying a guarantee deposit of £10,000. The money had been paid. It was said now as a reason why the extension of time should not be granted that the company intended to raise its required capital in England by putting a glowing prospectus before the people. Was there any dishonour in raising the money in England? Because, if so, it was rather late in the day to discover the fact. The company had expended £14,000 in the colony and had paid 10,000 sovereigns into the Treasury. Now they merely asked for an extension of time, yet Parliament was urged upon no evidence at all to upset all that the company had done. The English shareholders would say, if that course were pursued, that the New South Wales Parliament had grossly treated them and the company. What Parliament should do, on the contrary, was to encourage the expenditure of capital in the development of the country. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. TRICKETT moved the adjournment of the debate in order that the evidence taken by the select committee might be printed.

The motion was negatived.

Mr. TRICKETT said he had very strong views on the measure, but having been denied a right that had never been denied to any other member of the House he would simply shelter himself by voting against the bill.

Mr. CAMPBELL said there was no discourtesy intended to the hon. member.

Mr. A. BROWN said the hon. member was not entitled to the adjournment. The company ought to be allowed the extension of time named in the bill.

Mr. DANGAR said that if the House refused to pass the bill the company would be compelled to lose its deposit of £10,000, and the scheme, in which public money was invested, would be forced into collapse. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. CHARLES said the harbour works proposed by the company could never be accomplished to the satisfaction of the shareholders, and the House should not give its sanction to such an undertaking.

Mr. SHEPHERD said he would support the measure.

The House divided on the motion that the bill be read a second time, and the motion was agreed to by 20 votes to 3, the minority being Messrs. Trickett, Kerr, and Charles.

The House resolved into committee.

Mr. Kethel accepted the suggestion of Mr. A. Brown to amend clause 4 so as to provide that the depth on the bar of the harbour at low water shall be 20ft. instead of 23ft.

The bill was reported, and the third reading made an order for Wednesday next.

The House at 8.45 p.m. adjourned till Wednesday next.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27.

The Deputy Speaker (Mr. M'Court) took the chair at half-past 3 o'clock.

NEW MEMBER.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER said he had received a return to the writ issued for the election of a member to fill the vacancy in the Parramatta electorate, caused by the election of William John Ferris being declared invalid. The writ showed that William John Ferris had been re-elected.

The new member was introduced by Messrs. Barton and Hayes, and, having taken the oath, signed the members' roll.

ELECTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Deputy Speaker laid on the table of the House the warrant of the Speaker appointing Messrs. Chanter, Haynes, Macdonald, M'Lean, S. Phillips, and Sawers to be members of the Elections and Qualifications Committee in place of Messrs. Ashton, Cann, Mahony, Whiddon, Suttor, and Dr. Ross, resigned.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Dr. Ross, said that the imported cattle were submitted to the tuberculin test immediately before they were imported, and it was necessary to allow some time to elapse before it was advisable to make a second test. It was the intention of the Agricultural Department to have another test at the proper time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Dr. Ross, said there were particular diseases to be met with in the flocks and herds of New South Wales in certain districts during particular periods of the year. The nature of the diseases were specified for the information of stockowners. The diseases were dealt with in the annual reports of the stock and brands branch, and were widely distributed throughout the colony. Reports on the causes of the diseases and their treatment were from time to time published as the occasion required.

The POSTMASTER-GENERAL, in answer to Mr. Perry, said that under departmental regulations, issued in June, 1892, officers thereafter appointed to certain places in the back country, where the cost of living was exceptionally high, were granted allowances to cover the extra cost of living. He was aware that this allowance was stopped in 1896 in connection with the grading of the department by the Public Service Board, but in some cases the original salary was increased. He was not aware that in other branches of the service the allowances were not stopped. He could not comply with the hon. member's request to bring the matter under the notice of the Treasurer, with a view of having a sum of money placed on the Estimates to reimburse those officers whose allowances had been stopped, because that was a matter entirely under the control of the Public Service Board.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Affleck, said that in view of recent developments in connection with election contests it had been found necessary to make an inquiry for the purpose of obtaining further information before he could give a definite reply to the hon. member's question as to the action the Government intended taking in the matter. He was now taking the advice of the Crown law officers with regard to several irregularities which had recently taken place, and it would be necessary to obtain fuller information before he could deal with the matter practically.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Gormly, said that school teachers who ceased to contribute to the superannuation fund previous to December 23, 1896, could obtain such refund.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. E. M. Clark, said it was a fact that the Permanent Artillery Band was permitted lately to play at a garden party given by the Archbishop of Sydney. It was not a fact that no charge was made for the services of the band.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Molesworth, said he would take into consideration the very important question of amending the Railway Act in the direction of placing the employees of the railway service on a similar footing to those in the Victorian railway service in the matter of their being allowed to have one of their own number on the board or tribunal for the trial of offences committed by employees.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY, in answer to Mr. Dacey, said that during the month of September eight nurses at the Coast Hospital were paid less than their usual salary on account of illness; some of the nurses had been incapacitated from performing their duties through influenza. When contagious illness was contracted in the course of the execution of duty no deduction was made from the remuneration of the persons affected; but the cases of influenza referred to did not fall under this description.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Copeland, said he would lay upon the table of the House a return showing the number of hours worked by the different sections of the Government Printing Office employees, as well as the terms of payment for overtime which obtained in the department.

PETITION.

Mr. Nicholson presented a petition from the coal-owners and coal-miners of the South Coast praying for the construction of Port Kembla Harbour, so as to facilitate the loading of steam colliers.

CITY COUNCIL REFORM.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said he saw by the notice paper that the Sydney Corporation Act Amendment Bill—a private measure—was set down for November 29, that was to say two or three days before the City Council elections. There was a strong public movement to secure a reform of the City Council, and as it would be impossible for a private member to pass the bill into law in time to operate upon the approaching elections he asked if the Government would introduce a measure in time to pass it before the elections took place.

Mr. LYNE: Why was the bill set down for the day before the elections?

The PREMIER said the bill was in the hands of a private member, and he did not consult the Government as to the day on which it should be taken.

Mr. LYNE: Was the consideration of the bill postponed with the knowledge of the Government whip?

The PREMIER said he did not know; but he did know the hon. member was guilty of a breach of the rules of the House in referring to a member as the Government whip.

Mr. O'SULLIVAN said he would like to know if the Government would bring in a bill to deal with the matter.

Mr. LYNE: I am told the Government whip had a conversation with the member in charge of the bill.

Mr. HAWTHORNE: That statement is without foundation.

The PREMIER said he understood that a deputation from a public meeting held on the subject in the Sydney Town Hall intended waiting upon him; therefore it would be premature for him to answer the hon. member's question.

FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS—AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the proposals of private members for the amendment of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill.

The question before the Chair was Mr. M'Gowen's motion,—"That the following stand paragraph (b) of the resolutions:—'The alteration of the constitution: Concerning which this House desires to submit for the consideration of the other colonies that clause 127 should be altered to provide (1) that any proposed alteration of the constitution, approved by both Houses and a national referendum, should be submitted to the Governor-General for the Queen's assent; (2) that, where a proposed alteration has been affirmed in two succeeding sessions by an absolute majority in one House, but rejected by the other, such proposed alteration should be submitted to the national referendum; (3) that, respecting proposed alterations transferring to the Commonwealth any of the powers retained by the several States at the date of their acceptance of the constitution, such alteration should not take effect in any State unless approved by a majority of electors in such State voting.'"

Mr. AFFLECK said he had always advocated an amendment of clause 127, because he believed that if it were amended in the direction now proposed the bill would be acceptable to the people. He thought that the less they complicated the constitution the better it would be for the Commonwealth.

The PREMIER said that he had previously announced that no sort of Ministerial pressure beyond legitimate argument should be exercised in any way to cripple the freedom of the House to freely express the opinions with which it had just come from the country. He could only judge of the opinions of the people by the votes of the Assembly. All the proposals of the Government having received the sanction of the House was proof that they had received the approval of the majority of the electors. Just as it was impossible for him to know what was the opinion of the people on the proposals submitted by the Government until those proposals had been approved by the House, so it would be impossible for him to judge what was the collective opinion of the people in regard to the amendment submitted by Mr. M'Gowen until the House had expressed itself in regard to it. Having put before the country a well-considered programme of suggested amendments, he did not feel at liberty to support the motion of the hon. gentleman. He candidly admitted that in a federation of the kind proposed it was too much to expect the other colonies to accept a national referendum pure and simple as to all differences on the constitution. A simple national referendum put everything in the power of the larger States. But he conceived that the equal representation of the States in the Senate was just as extreme a proposition in the protection of the smaller States as the national referendum would be in the interests of the larger States. They had then to compromise. In reference to deadlocks, the national referendum was put in as an alternative that New South Wales was prepared to accept. If a majority passed the resolution before the House he would accept it. He would point out the difference between a committee of this House and a Government in charge of legislation. In the latter case his Ministerial responsibility would be very serious.

Mr. LYNE: Is there no Ministerial responsibility about this?

The PREMIER said that his Ministerial responsibility did not cause him to seek to stifle the judgment of the House. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Lyne was consistent in attaching importance to Ministerial responsibility, because he in the first instance desired that the Government should take the responsibility of submitting proposed amendments of the constitution to the other colonies, but he (Mr. Reid) had taken up the position that he would take the sense of the House as to the points of amendment before he submitted his propositions to the other colonies. The large majorities which had endorsed the Government programme where it had not been unanimously endorsed enabled him to represent both sides of the House and the whole country. He was not going to repay the general support given him in consequence by hon. members by now endeavouring to get them to vote differently to the way in which they had placed the matter before their constituents. The third subsection of Mr. M'Gowen's proposition premising that since the powers of the federal constitution were defined expressly and certain other powers were expressly retained to the individual States, took it for granted that without the consent of the individual States their powers could not be taken away from them. He felt inclined to support subsection 3. A national referendum of all the States was a thing, he felt, the whole of the colonies could never be got to agree to. Whilst he was prepared to vote for the third subsection and take it to the conference he did not at all want the hon. member to understand that it would be regarded as a condition without which New South Wales would oppose federation. He merely supported the third subsection as worthy of consideration.

Mr. LYNE: Will you advocate such an amendment at the conference?

The PREMIER said that the Government had already put forward certain resolutions which they considered to be important. The votes of the majority of members in this newly-elected House might show that other amendments were also necessary.

Mr. LYNE: Will the Premier take the resolutions to the conference which are proposed as amendments without which he cannot accept federation?

The PREMIER: When one goes to a conference it is not usual to map out the course he is going to take, as that would be giving himself away. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. COPELAND said he thought that sub-section 3 of Mr M'Gowen's motion would clash with what was already provided in the Commonwealth Bill. He had no objection, however, to the sub-section as it stood.

Mr. HUGHES: It would not be an amendment if it did not clash with something in the bill.

The PREMIER: The whole matter will require adjusting.

Mr. CRUICKSHANK said that if the first portion of Mr. M'Gowen's motion was to be taken as a hard and fast rule he would have voted against it; but he took it that the desire was that the representative of this colony at the intended conference should have full power over the whole matter.

Mr. WADDELL said he would like to see an easier mode of amending the Constitution inserted in the Commonwealth Bill, but he questioned whether this could be agreed to, and he did not think this ought to be made a vital matter in the acceptance of the measure.

Mr. COPELAND said the motion was divided into three sections, and under the standing orders it was competent for any member to claim the sections of the motion to be put seriatim. He would demand that the sections be put seriatim.

The CHAIRMAN ruled that under the standing orders it was competent to demand that the sections must be put seriatim.

Mr. HUGHES said the decision of the Chairman placed members in an invidious position. The proposal of the hon. member for Redfern was to divide amendments of the constitution into two generic classes, one of which would alter the constitution without interfering with the powers of the States possessed by them at the time the constitution came into operation, whilst the other dealt with amendments that would affect federation. A national referendum would not attack State rights any more than they had been attacked by the substitution of a bare majority for a three-fifths majority at a joint sitting of both Houses. The motion would act as a safeguard to the States. There was in the motion ample elasticity and also ample rigidity in one direction only.

Mr. WISE said the Premier had declared his intention to oppose the resolution, not because he did not approve of it, but because it would destroy federation—because the other colonies would not agree to it. At the same time the Government were prepared to accept the third resolution; and yet he said that if the first and second resolutions were carried he would be prepared to take them to the other colonies for conference. He (Mr. Wise) could scarcely consider propositions of so serious a character, as if carried they would destroy federation. But he did not desire to discuss the attitude of the Ministry upon this question. It was the existence of responsible government and the recognition that Ministers had certain duties put upon them by constitutional usage that made them certain that if there was a strong demand from the people for an alteration of the constitution, there would always be found the responsibility inside Parliament which would make the demand effective. The third resolution or amendment would deprive them of the great gain of obviating the power which existed in a single colony to block progress. He agreed with the Premier in believing that very different considerations applied to the two first subclauses compared with those which applied to the third; also that it was hopeless to propose a national referendum. He would vote against the first two proposals, not because he thought they were theoretically wrong, but because he believed they were impracticable, and to insist upon them would be fatal to union.

Mr. BARTON: What would the Government do if none of its proposals were accepted?

The PREMIER: If none of our suggestions are accepted some one else will have to fight the battle of the bill.

Mr. WISE said his opinion was, after being in continual communication with those who represented the other colonies, that the first two clauses would not be acceptable elsewhere. Points of controversy should be eliminated as much as possible. Whilst he would support the first two clauses if they stood alone, he would have nothing to do with them if they were associated with the third, nor would he support the third clause by itself. Whilst the first two expressed the federal spirit, the third evinced a narrow localism. It would be useless to carry the first two and mischievous to carry the third. If the resolutions as they stood were accepted the federal constitution, which was the most democratic of the kind, would also prove to be the most elastic.

Mr. HOLMAN said the absolute and undeniable importance of the amendment moved by the leader of the party to which he belonged made it his duty to endeavour to answer the objections made to it, and to remove misconceptions as to its nature and purpose. The difficulties of the labour party were greatly intensified by the painful lack of apprehension exhibited by some members on the other side of the House. Of course, he was not referring to Mr. Wise. Contrasted with the amendment, in his opinion all that had been passed by the House in regard to the bill sank into insignificance. The position of the labour party was that it was prepared to give up the bicameral form of government, to agree to the financial clauses, to accept equal representation, and to approve of the federal capital being in any colony, but there was one point on which it could not yield, and that was the right of the majority to say under what constitution they would live. (Hear, hear.) It was mere lunacy to speak of the colonies entering the federation as equals; they did not enter as equals. Whatever might be the theory of the thing, in practice there was no equality at all. The motion would enable them to keep certain matters under local control so long as they desired to do so. What the labour party was concerned about was the introduction of an elastic system of amending the constitution. They should look deeply into the forecast of the adoption of any constitution that might be offered to them. They should avoid the evils which had arisen from the American constitution, and copy the beneficial features of other constitutions. (Cheers.)

Mr. ROSE said that but a few weeks since the labour party condemned the constitution as being inelastic and a cast-iron one. Now that party proposes to make it ten times more inelastic. The bill was ten times better than the resolution. The principle of the latter had not been placed before the New South Wales electors in a serious way. It was put before the electors that future developments should be dealt with as the emergency arose. Now it was sought to provide otherwise. Forty to fifty members were present at the Premier's meeting on the bill, and not one of them proposed that the plank now before the House should be included in it. The fact that this plank was not included in the Reid platform showed that in July they thought it altogether of a secondary nature.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON said the hon. member for Grenfell urged that in framing the Commonwealth constitution they should take warning by the United States, and profit by the experience of more modern federations on the European continent. That hon. member would have them follow the German federation in regard to the manner in which the constitution could be amended. Were members aware that in the German Confederation if 14 voices were raised against an amendment of the constitution it could not be amended, and that as the Emperor had the power to nominate 17 representatives to the Federal Council it followed that he could veto any amendment of the constitution? That was the sort of constitution which the hon. member for Grenfell desired them to follow in drafting a Commonwealth constitution for Australia. Members knew perfectly well that the proposal under consideration would never be accepted by the other colonies. He denied that the proposal embodied the views of the people of New South Wales, for the simple reason that it was not submitted as a direct issue to the people; hence it would not be correct to say to the other colonies, "In agreeing to this proposal we represent the views of the people of New South Wales." He would be prepared to accept the two first sections of the motion, but he would not be a party to putting them forward to the other colonies as suggestions from the people of New South Wales.

Progress was reported, and leave obtained to sit again on Wednesday next.

TEMPORARY SUPPLY BILL.

The Deputy-Speaker reported that the Legislative Council had agreed to the Temporary Supply Bill.

ACCUSED PERSONS EVIDENCE BILL.

The Deputy-Speaker reported that the Legislative Council had agreed to the Accused Persons Evidence Bill with an amendment.

The consideration of the message from the Council in that respect was made an order for Tuesday next.

MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS' BILL.

The DEPUTY-SPEAKER reported the receipt of a message from the Legislative Council forwarding the Medical Practitioners' Bill.

The bill was read the first time.

THE CASE OF THOMAS SUFFIELD.

The resumption of the debate on the motion relating to the appointment of a Royal Commission to inquire into the case of Thomas Suffield was made an order for Tuesday next.

THE CASE OF SYDNEY COOPER.

Mr. MOORE moved,—"1. That a select committee be appointed to inquire into and report upon all the circumstances attending the case of Sydney Cooper, who was the holder of an authority to mine under a road separating portions Nos. 330 and 413, in the parish of Clyde, county of Gough, such authority being obtained by him as the holder of a document purporting to be a mineral license, but which was held by the Appeal Court, holden at Inverell, not to be a mineral license, as the "but" was not attached thereto. 2. That such committee consist of Mr. Cook, Mr. Austin Chapman, Mr. Cann, Mr. Gormly, Mr. Thomas Brown, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Cruickshank, and Mr. Moore. 3. That the report, minutes of proceedings, and evidence of the select committee of session 1897 be referred to such committee."

The motion was agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at a quarter past 11 o'clock adjourned until half-past 3 o'clock on Tuesday next.

THE MARGARINE QUESTION.

A BILL TO BE PREPARED.

A deputation, representing dairy farmers from different portions of the colony, was introduced to the Premier yesterday by Mr. Brunker (Colonial Secretary) for the purpose of urging that steps be immediately taken to regulate the sale of margarine and to protect butter producers from fraud. Amongst those present were Messrs. See, Pyers, Ewing, Wood, Perry, Kidd, A. Campbell, H. Clark, and others. The speakers pointed out that margarine had been sold as butter, that it had been exported to England in boxes which contained well-known makers' names, and that if some prompt action were not immediately taken to prevent this species of fraud the reputation of the colony as a butter producer would be destroyed. What the deputation wanted was that proper inspection should be made of exports, that margarine should be labelled when exposed for retail, &c.

The Premier said that no deputation ever waited upon him which more commended itself to his judgment. He felt that the dairying industry had claims upon the consideration of the Government. He had placed a great strain upon it when he had applied the test of freetrade. Instead of seeing before him a number of dejected persons to all appearances ruined, he found that this industry, in spite of his cruelty, was in a self-reliant and satisfactory state. And this was illustrated by the fact that the reputation of New South Wales butter on the London market had increased from 10 to 20 per cent. during the past 12 months. He merely made these observations in order to supply a basis for the further observation that the men who in the dairying industry had done so much for the colony were deserving of help by the Government when they were exposed to dishonest competition. Within the next week a bill would be prepared upon the subject and be placed upon the table of the Legislative Assembly, and he felt that there would be nothing to prevent the bill becoming law before the close of the present session—he meant within the next two months.

FAIR AT BAULKHAM HILLS.

A Cake and Apron Fair, in aid of the fund for renovating the Primitive Methodist Church, Baulkham Hills, was opened yesterday afternoon by Mr. James Tamsett, the Rev. J. Penman presiding. The following ladies presided over the stalls:—Madames Hammer and Burton, and Misses Hammer (2), Burton, Tamsett, James, Nichols, Baxter, and Chapman. In the evening a concert was held.

THE FEDERAL CAPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It is pretty well understood that the federal capital will be in New South Wales, and I ask for a small space in your columns to advocate the district between Hornsby and French's Forest, Manly Cove, a line being drawn from the head of Bantry Bay, Middle Harbour, to Cowan Creek, Pittwater. The country to the west of that line is a most suitable place, for the following reasons:—

1. The Crown owns two-thirds of the land, and there would be few complications for resumptions.

2. A good deal of the land is elevated and level, sloping to the east, with views of the ocean and Sydney itself, the elevation being from 500ft. to 700ft. above the sea.

3. From the back of French's Forest to Roseville railway station (Hornsby line) the distance is about 24 miles. There need be no bridge across Middle Harbour, and the proposed site could be connected with the main Northern railway (distance 10 miles from Sydney).

The only possible objection that can be raised to this locality is that in case of war it is too near the sea. The answer to that is—the enemy would go for Sydney, Newcastle, Wollongong, &c., viz., the coal ports. With regard to suggestions that have been made as to Hornsby (which is the most suitable place next to the one I advocate), Bathurst, Goulburn, &c., the complications in regard to resumptions that would ensue owing to the numerous selectors and holders of land in those districts would be endless, and take years to get settled.

October 25. I am, &c., H. T. ROBEY.

The Peruvians were the greatest road-makers of the world. Their roads were built of heavy flags of freestone, and along them were posts or small buildings about five miles apart, attached to which were a number of runners, whose business it was to carry forward the despatches of the Government.

COUNTRY NEWS.

THE LAND BILL.

HAY, Thursday.

The Hay Landholders' Association held a meeting last night to consider the Land Bill. After discussion the following resolution was passed:—"That, in the opinion of this meeting, the limitation of the area to be reappraised to one series of conditional purchases will not meet the requirements of this district; that the said reappraisement should be granted for whatever area is required for families to make a living off; that such area should be held bona fide and worked as a holding complete in itself, and that residence on the same should not be insisted upon where the conditions of residence lease have already been fulfilled."

THE PREMIER'S VISIT TO WELLINGTON.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A special call of the municipal council was held last evening, and it was decided to meet and welcome the Premier and Parliamentary party on the occasion of their visit here on the 5th proximo on behalf of the townspeople. A public meeting followed, and the Mayor (Alderman J. H. Quirk) presided. The attendance was very large. It was decided to drive the Ministerialists to Bodangora and over part of the route of the proposed Werris Creek railway line, and entertain the Premier at a public luncheon in the Band Hall at half-past 1 o'clock. Considerable interest is manifested in the movement, and everything will be done to make the stay of the Premier most enjoyable.

AN UNWILLING PLAINTIFF.

VERDICT IN HIS FAVOUR.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

The District Court was held here on Tuesday and Wednesday before Judge Rogers. About 13 cases were dealt with, the most important being the claim of Kelly v. Geraghty for money received, £79. The claim was for arrears of rent received by Geraghty for property owned by Mrs. Murphy, which was made over to her by deed of gift from Mrs. Marshall, now Mrs. Geraghty, prior to her marriage, and for which John Kelly was trustee. Kelly said he was made plaintiff without his consent, and had filed a notice of discontinuance of the action, not wishing his name to appear as plaintiff. His Honor upheld Mr. Windeyer's appeal on behalf of Mrs. Murphy that the case should proceed in Kelly's name, and afterwards gave a verdict for the plaintiff for £77 5s, and costs for three witnesses.

A BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION.

KEMPSEY, Thursday.

The District Court concluded this morning. One of the most important cases was that of breach of promise to marry, brought by Margaret M'Mahon against John Martin, both of the Macleay River. The jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff for £150.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The Works Department has decided to construct the Richmond River dock at Riley's Hill, 18 miles up the river. The work is to be proceeded with as soon as possible by day labour. The Mayor has been requisitioned to call a public meeting with the object of protesting against the location of the dock away from the shipping port.

Mr. Armstrong, representative of the Farmers' Co-operative Society of New South Wales, arrived from Sydney yesterday. He is to be present at a meeting here on Saturday night having for its object the establishment of a central butter factory at Ballina.

BOMBALA, Thursday.

The annual picnics in connection with the Wesleyan church and the Church of England were held yesterday, and were largely attended.

Messrs. Ingram and Campbell's tender has been accepted for the erection and furnishing of a new school building at Tombong at £50.

The creamery at Craigie commenced work a few days ago after being closed all the winter. The milk supply is very satisfactory. A few farmers who did not supply last season have now seen the benefits to be derived from dairying.

BOURKE, Thursday.

Timothy Toohey has been committed for trial to the Wellington sessions on a charge of forging the name of Deland to a cheque for £10 and uttering the same.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

Mr. Alexander Campbell, M.L.A., writes saying that the Minister for Public Works has approved of a grant of £295 for the improvement of the road from Chalker's Farm to the Robertson-Glenquarrie road.

A party, comprising the Mayor, several aldermen, and the principal townsmen, will start this week for Burragorang accompanied by Mr. M'Court, M.L.A. They will be met at Burragorang by a large party of local residents, by whom the Bowral party will be entertained. The object of the visit is to ascertain all particulars about the new road which the Burragorang people propose to enable them to bring their produce to Bowral railway station. They represent that at present although the valley is very fertile and heavy crops are produced they have no reasonably accessible outlet.

CARRATHOOL, Thursday.

A sharp thunderstorm occurred early this morning, and 64 points of rain fell. It is now fine and cool.

CASSILIS, Thursday.

At the lands office to-day a homestead selection in the parish of Merriwa was taken up.

COOMA, Thursday.

Several gentlemen drove out this afternoon to meet Bishop Higgins, who is holding confirmation services in the district.

CORAKI, Thursday.

Bitter disappointment was everywhere expressed when the Engineer-in-Chief's report on the Tuckian flood escape drain appeared. The public regard an improvement in the navigation of the river as absolutely necessary, but consider the carrying out of the proposed flood escape as of vital importance to the progress of the district.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

A successful concert was given in the Town Hall last night to assist in defraying the cost of the bicycle banked track recently formed on the local cricket ground.

DUBBO, Thursday.

A meeting of the leading farmers and employers of labour in the Narromine district was held at the Commercial Hotel, Narromine, to fix the rate of wages during the ensuing harvest season. It was resolved that the following fixed scale be adhered to by employers:—Ordinary labourers, 4s per day; stuckers and expert drivers, 5s; four horses and dray, with man to load, 7s; waggon and team of horses, with man to load, 11s per day.

Commandant Booth arrived from Bourke yesterday afternoon. He lectured to a crowded audience in the Masonic Hall last night. He left this morning for Orange.

A daring burglary was committed at the residence of Mr. A. A. West in Newtown a few nights ago, and £25 worth of articles was taken.

Andrew Foreman to-day selected 264 acres conditional purchase and 785 acres conditional lease in the parish of Willydah, county of Narromine; and George Hendwick 320 acres conditional purchase and 960 acres conditional lease, in the parish of Gullengambel, county of Gordon.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The Progress Association has been assured that its application to have the headquarters of the Southern Rifle Association removed from Moss Vale to Goulburn will be considered.

The Minister for Education will visit Goulburn on Saturday to select a site for the technical college. The council to-night selected three sites to be recommended for his approval.

The council has granted permission for a fountain to be erected in Belmore-square to the memory of the late Dr. Hollis.

KIAMA, Thursday.

The quarterly meeting of the Kiama Ministers' Union took place at Jamberoo yesterday afternoon, followed in the evening by a public meeting in the Anglican Church, presided over by the Rev. B. Stephens (incumbent). There was a good attendance, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. Harold Wheen (Wesleyan), the Rev. Thomas Moore (Congregational), and the Rev. B. Stephens. The following resolutions were proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously:—1. "This meeting expresses its hearty approval of the action of Dr. Graham, M.L.A., in introducing to Parliament a bill to suppress improper advertisements in the newspapers, and trusts his efforts in this direction will prove successful in the interests of public decency and morality." 2. "This meeting hereby records its protest against the attempt now being made in Parliament to legalise Sunday trading, regarding, as it does, such a trade contrary to the law of God and inimical to the best interests of the people of this country."

MOLONG, Thursday.

Reports from the various shearing sheds regarding the wool clip are exceedingly satisfactory, as much as 9lb. 9oz. being averaged at one shed. Shearers arriving from out back give a deplorable account of the state of the country, where the herbage and crops are a total failure.

The following conditional purchase was taken up at Molong lands office to-day:—Thomas Archer, 110 acres, parish of Murga.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

Shearing commences at Kanimbla this week and at Liddleton and Rose Vale next week.

MILTON, Thursday.

An extraordinary freak of nature was seen in town yesterday. This was a double pig. The pig was to-day sent to the medical museum of the Prince Alfred Hospital.

MITTAGONG, Thursday.

A concert was given last night by the pupils of the convent school in aid of the funds.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

John Costyn Lane was at the police court to-day committed for trial at Cootamundra on November 17 on a charge of stealing 1oz. 6dwt. 6gr. gold from a claim on Cunningham Creek, in which he was a shareholder. Bail was allowed, self in £80 and two sureties in £40.

NARRANDERA, Wednesday.

A bazaar was held last week for the purpose of liquidating the Roman Catholic convent fund. It was most successful. The amount so far netted has reached £380 15s 9d. Some other money has yet to come in.

NOWRA, Thursday.

A chess, draughts, and whist club has been formed in connection with the Nowra School of Arts.

At the annual luncheon given by the management of the Berry Central Butter Factory Mr. John Stewart, J.P., president of the local agricultural society, in proposing "The Dairying Industry," said that he was convinced that the dairy farmers on the coast were not making the most of their farms, that they were not doing what they might easily do for the improvement of the pastures and the herds. Much of the disease in stock was due to the want of nourishment caused by neglect of fertilising and by over-stocking runs. The farmers, or the Government for them, might import hundreds of cattle, but they would be of no benefit whilst the producers neglected to improve the feeding capabilities of the land.

ORANGE, Thursday.

Nice warm showers fell last night. A good season for farmers and graziers is assured. The rains are most beneficial and opportune.

PAMBULA, Thursday.

A highly successful concert and ball were held in the Carrington Hall, Merimbula, last night, in aid of the Pambula District Hospital.

PENRITH, Thursday.

Alderman Player was to-night unanimously elected Mayor of Penrith in place of Alderman Reid, resigned.

A successful conversazione was held last night in aid of the improvements of the Roman Catholic church, Penrith.

A successful Sunday-school treat and tea meeting in connection with Christ Church, Castlereagh, was held yesterday.

PICTON, Wednesday.

A sacred concert and organ recital, conducted by Mr. H. A. Jaques, assisted by Miss Selina Antill (organist), took place before a crowded audience at St. Mark's Church on Monday evening. The members of the Philharmonic Society presented Mr. Jaques with a parting testimonial on the occasion of his visiting England for a holiday, and entertained him at supper.

RYLSTONE, Thursday.

The horticultural and agricultural show, which was to have been abandoned on account of the dry weather, will now be held on Prince of Wales' Birthday.

Shearing has been delayed by the rain, but pastoralists are quite pleased. The crops and stock are looking well.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

The annual hospital ball last night was a brilliant success. One hundred couples were present.

SUTHERLAND, Thursday.

The district coroner held a magisterial inquiry on Tuesday touching the death of Mrs. Alice Gribben, who died suddenly at Holdsworthy on Saturday last. The medical evidence showed that death had resulted from poisoning. A letter found in deceased's pocket contained statements showing a tendency to suicide. An adjournment was made to allow of an analysis of the contents of the stomach. As a result of that examination a large quantity of strychnine was found. A finding of death from strychnine self-administered was recorded.

TAMWORTH, Wednesday.

Dr. Torreggiani, Roman Catholic Bishop of Armidale, visited Tamworth yesterday and presided at an entertainment given last evening by the pupils of the Dominican Convent here.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

The crops continue to give fair promise, though the dry weather continues.

TRUNKEY CREEK, Thursday.

A shop occupied by Thomas Norris, blacksmith, was completely destroyed by fire early this morning, together with its contents. Other buildings were greatly in danger.

WAGGA, Thursday.

Subscribers to the Wagga telephone exchange are greatly dissatisfied at the refusal of the department to accord them conveniences. They ask that the department should allow them to connect direct with private telephone lines coming into the telegraph offices without extra charge. It is intended to bring the matter before Parliament.

The annual spring show of St. John's Horticultural Society was opened yesterday. The display of roses was fairly good considering the unfavourable season. The principal exhibitors were the Rev. G. A. Carver, Mrs. Rudd, Mr. G. W. Commins, Mr. W. B. Morison, Miss Commins, Miss Lakeman, Mrs. Wilkins, the Misses Horwood, Mrs. Watt, Miss Stephens, Miss Wilkins, Miss Lupton, Mrs. Burry, Miss Sheppard, Mr. C. F. Bolton, and Miss L. Turner.

The [illegible] railway yard is very active at the present time, as wheat and wool are coming in freely this week, 4000 bags of wheat being sent to Sydney for Messrs. Darling and Son.

The annual meeting of the Wagga Swimming Club was held last night, Mr. J. F. Talbot presiding. The report was satisfactory, and showed that a large number of lads were gratuitously taught to swim last season. It was decided to apply to the New South Wales Swimming Association to allot the Wagga Club mile and half-mile championship races.

The young man William Charles Thomas, who was injured in a shooting affair near Coolamon, died in the Wagga Hospital yesterday.

WINDSOR, Thursday.

A new church was opened last night by the Presbyterians at Marsden Park. Mr. S. E. Lees, M.L.A., presided, and addresses were delivered by the Rev. C. A. White and Dr. Cameron. The building has almost been paid for.

Fish are very plentiful in the Hawkesbury just now, and one angler on Thursday hooked 80 in two hours, some of the fish weighing as much as 4lb.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

The steamers City of Oxford and Prince Alfred arrived last night.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

At the police court to-day Jane Green, on remand, was charged that she did on October 1 perform an illegal operation on a young woman at Balgownie. Accused reserved her defence, and was committed for trial at the next Court of Quarter Sessions. Bail was allowed.

The annual spring flower show in connection with the A., H., and I. Association was opened at the Town Hall to-night by Major MacCabe, the Mayor of the borough.

QUARTERLY RAILWAY REPORT.

SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES.

The report of the Railway Commissioners for the quarter ending September 30 last is a very satisfactory one. The earnings for the quarter give an increase over the corresponding quarter of last year of £67,108. The expenditure shows an increase of £36,222, the result being an improvement of £30,886. In the passenger department second-class passengers show an increase of £9462; parcels and other coaching traffic, £2020; first-class passengers show a decrease of £2324, the net increase being £9158; 129,089 additional passenger journeys were made. The increase in the goods department is £57,950, nearly all classes of traffic having contributed thereto—General merchandise, £13,621; live stock, £21,940; wool, £12,953; coal and coke, £3004; and other minerals, £6432. For the increased revenue 175,238 additional tons were hauled. The pioneer line from Berrigan to Finley, a distance of 18 miles and 72 chains, was opened for traffic on September 16. The lines are reported to be in good order. Fair progress has been made with relaying, resleepering, and reballasting, and the reduction of grades. The renewal of the Wagga Wagga viaduct is being proceeded with, and various improvements and additions continue to be made to meet the increasing traffic. Regarding the tramways, it is stated that the earnings show an increase of £6053, and the expenditure £3997, the result being an improvement of £2056.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—October 27.

Franklin, s., 780 tons, Captain E. A. Berg, from Rockhampton, via Bundaberg and Brisbane. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Symonds and child, Mrs. Murchie and child, Mrs. Fergie, Messrs. Caller, Preen, Frankie, I. Durpel, Austen, Captain J. Norwood, and 18 in the steerage. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Ayr, s., 3050 tons, Captain Gibson, from Port Pirie. Tyser and Co., agents.

Jane L. Stanford, barquentine, 861 tons, Captain Johnston, from Tacoma August 13. J. J. Falk and Co., agents.

Newcastle, s., 1261 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Kallatina, s., 680 tons, Captain John Magee, from Clarence River 26th instant. Passengers—Mesdames Richards, Walsh, Barton, Smith, Williams, Gannon, Davies, Misses Richards, Marks, Robertson, M'Hugh, Gilmore, Kleinstein, Danher, Kebble, Crowley, M'Lachlan, Tarton, Gannon, Messrs. E. Ferguson, S. W. Dowling, A. Welberham, O. Carlon, E. Reeves, N. Reeves, F. Hill, J. Moodie, W. Ambrose, H. Parton, G. W. Roberts, W. R. Alexander, R. C. Law, J. M'Cormack, D. Mollett, H. Robson, J. R. Smith, H. C. Mitchell, J. M'Nealty, Master Dawes, and 16 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Tomki, s., 680 tons, Captain W. B. Nelson, from Richmond River October 26. Passengers—Mrs. Hagley, Mrs. Bartlett, Miss Bartlett, Miss Garvey, Messrs. J. Watson, A. Sharpe, E. Lowe, A. Lowe, W. M'Kenzie, T. Farrell, A. Smith, G. Larkin, W. P. Mace and 6 in the steerage. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie, s., 550 tons, Captain G. Walzer, from Eden via ports. Passengers—Mesdames Hoe, Day, Miller, Charleston, Eastdown, Misses Day, Fowler, Barrit, Messrs. Hoe, Clinch, Sully, Pitts, Blomfield, Myer, O'Neill, Captain Christensen, Sinclair, Hobyhouser, Watson, Charleston, and 7 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

St. George, s., 466 tons, Captain B. Alley, from Richmond River. Passengers—Mrs. Young, Misses Brown, Slater, Messrs. M'Intyre, Barrie, P. R. Hogan, Lowe, Wyld, Bryce, Master Lown, and 7 in the steerage. W. T. Yeager, agent.

Wyrallah, s. 300 tons Captain W. Evans from Richmond River October 25 via Trial Bay. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

Tekapo, s., 2439 tons, Captain H. Sams, from Port Kembla. F. W. Jackson agent.

South Australian, s., 716 tons, Captain Hunter, from Newcastle. A. Sneddon, jun., agent.

DEPARTURES.—October 27.

Taiaan, s., for Melbourne.
St. Antoine, s., for Noumea.
Westralia, s., for Auckland and ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—October 28.

Warrnambool, s., for Capetown and London, via ports; Tekapo, s., for Launceston, via Eden; Bullarra s., for Rockhampton, via ports; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne; Leura, s., for Melbourne; Tomki, s., for Richmond River; Burrawong, s., for Macleay River; Rosedale, s., for Port Macquarie; St. George, s., for Richmond River, via Newcastle; Illawarra S.N. Company's steamers for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, and Ulladulla; Namoi, s., for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—October 27.

Taiaan, s., 2909 tons, Captain G. Ramsay, for Melbourne, with part original cargo. Passengers—Messrs. A. Wilson, J. R. O'Brien, S. S. Grant, C. Terry.

St. Antoine, s., 807 tons, Captain G. Olivand for Noumea. Passengers—Mr. Burnel, Mr. Evans, Mr. Granval.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—October 27.

Western, s., Captain J. M'Guire, for Newcastle; Timaru, s., Captain N. Nilsson, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—October 27.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices under this heading.]

Wyrallah, s., from Richmond River: 700 bags maize, 1800 bags sugar.

Jane L. Stanford, barquentine, from Tacoma: 1,086,746ft. lumber, 381,720 laths.

Hands Isle, barquentine, from Kaipara: 299,806ft. kauri timber.

Kallatina, s., from Clarence Heads: 719 bags maize, 10 bags bark, 23 bags bones, 619 bags sugar, 9 bags bottles, 146 bags beans, 1 crate cabbages, 21 dozen and 8 bags pumpkins, 1296 bags potatoes, 89 bales wool, 2 calves, 314 cases eggs, 42 cases fruit, 18 cases fish, 9 casks tallow, 83 coops poultry, 2 horses, 120 hides, 10 cases sarsaparilla, 239 boxes and 1 keg butter, 17 cans cream, 89 pigs, 1 boiler and machinery, furniture, and sundries.

Tomki, s., from Richmond River: 24 bags bottles, 3 bags hides, 28 bags bones, 90 bags and 350 sacks sugar, 9 bags oysters, 27 bags beans, 10 bags turnips, 44 bags potatoes, 60 bunches bananas, 3 bales skins, 115 cases eggs, 8 cases and 7 bags bacon, 4 cases fish, 4 casks tallow, 8 coops poultry, 16 cases honey, 102 hides, 62 hogsheads molasses, 4 pair loco. wheels, 371 boxes butter, 48 logs pine, 6 logs cedar, 1190ft. cedar boards, 15 pigs, 2380ft. hardwood, 10,850ft. boxwood, and sundries.

Allowrie, s., from Eden, via ports: 350 bags bark, 6 bags turnips, 8 bags and 73 sides bacon, 894 boxes butter, 1331 cheeses, 17 bags bones, 25 cans cream, 30 cases eggs, 77 pigs, 6 head cattle, 2 calves, 1 horse, 7 cases fish, 8 coops fowls, 20 bundles skins and hides, 15 cases samples, 21 hides, and sundries.

Ayr, s., from Port Pirie: 1900 tons zinc tailings.

EXPORTS.—October 27.

St. Antoine, s., for Noumea: 1088 sacks flour, 8 cases cheese, 8 cases butter, 20 cases hops, 217 boxes tea, 22 bags lentils, 40 bags redlead, 10 bags rice, 29 bags potatoes, 650 cases kerosene, 1220 pieces timber, 25 cases beer, 123 packages machinery, 425 bags sugar, 7 bundles bedsteads, 220 bags salt, 65 cases onions, 26 bales rags, 50 sheep, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: October 27, Alliance, barque, from Glasgow; Arawatta, s., Indianapolis, s., from Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON.—Arrivals: October 27, Allinga, s., Julia Percy, s., Rob Roy, s., from Brisbane.

FLATTOP ISLAND.—Arrivals: October 27, Barrabool, s., from Townsville; Airlie, s., from Sydney.

CAIRNS.—Arrival: October 27, Aramac, s., from Brisbane.

THURSDAY ISLAND.—Departure: October 27, Warrego, s., for Gulf ports.

YAMBA.—Arrival: October 27, City of Grafton, s., at 1.50 a.m., from Sydney.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: October 27, Williams, s., from Port Stephens; Wenona, barque, from Melbourne; Namoi, s., Tamar, s., South Australian, s., Sophia Ann, Moresby, s., Alice, s., Centennial, s., Wollumbin, s., Annie Bow, Countess of Errol, schooners, Earl Dunraven, barque, from Sydney. Departures: October 27, Snow and Burgess, barque, for Honolulu, with 2250 tons coal; Time, s., for Port Pirie, via Adelaide, with 3600 tons coal; Kendal Castle, s., for Melbourne, with 4050 tons coal; Wollumbin, s., for the Tweed River; Lady Franklin, schooner, for the Richmond; Burrumbeet, s., for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 1800 tons coal, 370 bales wool; S. A. Hayward, ketch, for Camden Haven; South Australian, Tamar, s., Sophia Ann, s., Namoi, s., Fanny Fisher, barque, Nellie, Hannah Nicholson, schooners, for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: October 27, Easby, s., at 8.10 a.m., Age, s., at 3.30 p.m., Peregrine, s., at 3.35 p.m., Tambo, s., at 4.50 p.m., all north; Glaucus, s., at 1.30 p.m., west. The yawl Lightning put back for shelter at 3 p.m.

QUEENSCLIFF LOOKOUT.—The R.M.S. Ormuz cleared the heads for Sydney at 4.45 p.m.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: October 27, Federal, s., from Newcastle; Perth, s., from Kembla; Wodonga, s., from Sydney; Thermopylae, s., from London. Departures: October 27, Unda, s., for Calcutta; Ormuz, R.M.S., for Sydney.

CAPE OTWAY.—Passed inward: October 27, Tangier, s., at 10.50 a.m., bound to Newcastle.

PORT PIRIE.—Departure: October 27, Oak Branch, s., for United Kingdom.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: October 27, Sonoma, barque, from Vancouver Island; Britannia, R.M.S., from Sydney. Departures: October 27, Larnaca, s., for Fremantle; Britannia, R.M.S., for London; Kaffir, s., for Melbourne; New Guinea, s., for Fremantle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

TWEED HEADS.—Departure: October 27, Cooloon, schooner, at 4.40 a.m. Passed: A two-masted steamer at 4.40 a.m., north.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: October 27, City of Grafton, s., at 6.5 a.m., from Sydney.

BELLINGER HEADS.—Arrival: October 27, Euroka, s., at 8.30 a.m., from Port Macquarie.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Departure: October 27, Louise Meusel, schooner, at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Departure: October 27, Burrawong, s., at 7 a.m., for Sydney.

COFF'S HARBOUR.—Arrival: October 27, Orara, s., at 7.30 a.m., from Sydney.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: October 27, Rosedale, at 6 a.m., from Nambucca River; Jubilee, schooner, at 10.10 a.m., from Sydney.

CAMDEN HAVEN.—Arrival: October 27, Jane Morehead, ketch, at 5.30 a.m.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: October 27, Coraki, s., at 5 a.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: October 27, Forest Queen, ketch, at 7 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: October 27, Nambucca, s., at 11.30 a.m., north.

PORT STEPHENS.—October 27, Willinga, schooner, and Australia, schooner, at anchor in bay.

WOLLONGONG.—Departure: October 27, Mount Kembla, s., at 4 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS.—Departures: October 27, Illawarra, s., at 8.15 a.m., and Coomonderry, s., at 11.15 a.m., for Sydney.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: October 27, Peterborough, s., at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Arrival: October 27, Otway, s., at 10 a.m., from Sydney. Departure: Otway, s., at noon, for Tathra.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: October 27, Easby, s., at 7.40 a.m., north; Oruba, R.M.S., at 7.40 a.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: October 27, Glaucus, s., at 1.10 p.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: October 27, Kalgoorlie, s., at 10.20 a.m., Egremont Castle, s., at 12.15 p.m. Passed outwards: October 27, Bucephalus, s., at 7.10 a.m.; S. D. Carleton, ship, at 11.30 a.m., Glenelg, s., at 12.30 p.m., Nectefield, ship, at 2.30 p.m. (reports all well), Kadina, s., at 2.55 p.m.

HOBART.—Arrival: October 27, Talune, s., at 7 a.m., from Melbourne.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: October 27, Talyuan, s., at 9.5 a.m., from Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (TAS.).—Arrival: October 27, Pateena, s., at 10.10 a.m., from Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE (S.A.).—Departure: October 26, Oakbranch, s., for Sydney.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departures: October 27, Victoria, R.M.S., at 8.30 a.m., for Adelaide; Dovedale, s., at 7.35 a.m., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Departures: October 26, Albany, s., for Derby. October 27, Forfarshire, barque, for London.

AUCKLAND (N.Z.).—Arrival: October 27, Alameda, R.M.S., at 9.45 a.m., from San Francisco.

(For Continuation of Shipping see Page 8.)

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 4.45 p.m.
Clyde River.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Port Macquarie.—Rosedale, 1 p.m.
Launceston, via Eden.—Tekapo, 3 p.m.
Fiji via Catherine Hill Bay, Taieri, 4.45 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Kalgoorlie, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Tomki, 7 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Manila, via Newcastle.—Nyanza, 8 a.m.
Hobart.—Tambo, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Peregrine, 1 p.m.
British New Guinea and New Britain.—Moresby, 7 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Launceston, Hobart, Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Mahinapua, 9.30 p.m.

MONDAY.

Eden.—Allowrie, 11 a.m.
Manning River.—Coraki, 1 p.m.
Launceston and Hobart, via Melbourne.—Coogee, 5.30 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and West Coast of Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Wareatea, 5.30 p.m.
Richmond River.—Electra, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY.

Bateman's Bay and Nelligen.—Peterborough, 11 a.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius (overland to Adelaide, and thence per Oruba).—4.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Oruba (letters addressed to persons on board), overland to Adelaide.—4.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Oruba, 5.30 p.m.
Clarence River.—City of Grafton, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay, Coff's Harbour, and Woolgoolga.—Excelsior, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY.

Eden.—Bega, 11 a.m.
Auckland, &c., N.Z. (direct).—Waihora, 3 p.m.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 39 years, 49·604.
Average for 40 years from January 1 to September 30, 41·063.
Total rainfall from January 1, 1898, to October 27, 41·300.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m. to-day, 29·416.
Temperature.—Maximum, 77·0; minimum, 66·6.
Humidity.—9 a.m., 67; 3 p.m., 46.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30·14; Gascoigne, 30·10; Perth, 30·22; Esperance Bay, 29·98; Eucla, 29·74; Streaky Bay, 29·84; Adelaide, 29·65; Robe, 29·45; Portland, 29·45; Melbourne, 29·47; Wilson's Promontory, 29·42; Gabo Island, 29·27; Cape St. George, 29·27; Sydney, 29·42; Newcastle, 29·45; Port Macquarie, 29·71; Clarence Heads, 29·69; Brisbane, 29·77; Rockhampton, 29·94; Mackay, 29·94; Cooktown, 29·98.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Cloudy to dull throughout, raining at many places.
Victoria and Straits.—Unsettled generally and in parts showery.
South Australia.—More or less fine but cloudy to overcast.
Western Australia.—Fine and clear to fine but cloudy.
Queensland.—Generally fine and clear, although fine but cloudy to dull at many places.
Central and North Australia.—Fine throughout.
Tasmania.—Cloudy generally.
New Zealand.—Generally fine and clear.
New Caledonia.—Fine but cloudy at Gomen, fine and clear at Noumea.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN THE PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.

New South Wales.—Moderate to heavy throughout, except a small area in the north-east. Albury, 1·60; Armidale, 0·30; Balranald, 0·32; Barmedman, 0·54; Bathurst, 0·24; Bega, 0·01; Bendemeer, 0·08; Bombala, 0·01; Bourke, 0·23; Brewarrina, 0·15; Broken Hill, 0·24; Carcoar, 0·08; Carrathool, 0·64; Casilis, 0·43; Cobar, 0·49; Condobolin, 0·25; Cooma, 0·18; Coonabarabran, 0·52; Coonamble, 0·25; Cowra, 0·30; Cudgellico, 0·28; Deniliquin, 0·48; Dubbo, 1·03; Euston, 0·38; Forbes, 0·10; Germanton, 0·52; Goulburn, 0·02; Gulgong, 1·08; Gunnedah, 0·10; Hay, 0·48; Hillston, 1·14; Jerry's Plains, 0·30; Katoomba, 0·01; Kiandra, 1·10; Maitland, 0·12; Marsden, 0·26; Menindie, 0·43; Molong, 0·38; Moranguel, 0·13; Mount Hope, 0·24; Mount Victoria, 0·21; Mudgee, 1·00; Murrumburrah, 0·29; Murrurundi, 0·24; Muswellbrook, 0·30; Narrandera, 0·90; Newcastle, 0·11; Nimitybelle, 0·11; Nymagee, 0·80; Orange, 0·31; Pilliga, 0·16; Port Stephens, 0·08; Queanbeyan, 0·68; Quirindi, 0·20; Rockley, 0·15; Scone, 0·26; Singleton, 0·24; Sydney, 0·02; Tamworth, 0·03; Urana, 0·59; Wagga, 0·75; Walcha, 0·04; Walgett, 0·15; Wellington, 1·15; Wentworth, 0·43; Werris Creek, 0·12; Wilcannia, 0·78; Wyalong, 0·24; Young, 0·26; Booligal, 0·40; Burrowa, 0·10; Camden, 0·17; Dandaloo, 0·72; Gongol 0·26; Barringun, 0·06; Blackville, 0·48; Byrock, 0·32; Coolah, 0·40; Euabalong, 0·14; Ivanhoe, 0·79; Blackheath, 0·08; Bungalla, 0·26; Cannonbar, 0·25; Corowa, 0·81; Girilambone, 0·29; Milparinka, 0·28; Goodooga, 0·33; Grenfell, 0·16; Gundagai, 1·25; Hill End, 0·88; Hungerford, 0·15; Jerilderie, 0·42; Junee, 1·00; Lawson, 0·08; Louth, 0·64; Merriwa, 0·13; Nundle, 0·04; Mossgiel, 0·70; Moulamein, 0·53; Nyngan, 0·44; Parkes, 0·06; Pooncarie, 0·42; Silverton, 0·15; Wanaaring, 0·94; Warren, 0·50; Yass, 0·31.

Victoria.—Light to moderate generally.
Tasmania.—Light generally.
South Australia.—Light to moderate generally.
Adelaide, 0·19; Beltana, 0·22; Eucla, 0·11; Farina, 0·05; Guichen Bay, 0·11; M'Donnell Bay, 0·08; Port Augusta, 0·01; Cape Otway, 0·21; Cape Schanck, 0·55; Melbourne, 0·21; Port Albert, 0·34; Portland, 0·29; Queenscliff, 0·44; Wilson's Promontory, 0·28.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 5ft. 9in.; Balranald, 6ft. 6in., rising; Bingera, 1ft. 8in.; Booligal, 4ft. 2in., falling; Bourke, 4ft. 9in. above and 2ft. below weir; Brewarrina, 2ft.; Deniliquin, 6ft. 8in.; Dubbo, 4ft. 8in.; Euabalong, 1ft. 6in.; Euston, 17ft. 7½in.; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, 5ft. 8in.; Hay, 4ft.; Hillston, 2ft. 3in.; Louth, 2ft. 1in., falling; Menindie, low; Menindie, 5ft. 8in.; Mogil Mogil, 1ft., falling; Moulamein, 2ft. 3in., falling; Mungundi, 4ft. 6in., falling; Pooncarie, 4ft. 9in.; Tilpa, 2ft. 6in.; Tocumwall, 9ft. 10in., rising; Wagga Wagga, 5ft. 9in.; Wentworth, 12ft. 1½in.; Wilcannia, 4ft. 8in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 5ft., stationary; Namoi River at Walgett, 3ft. 5in., stationary; Goondiwindi, low.

RAINFALL FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.

Albury, 0·09; Armidale, 0·09; Bathurst, 0·19; Cape St. George, 0·03; Cooma, 0·45; Coonabarabran, 0·04; Goulburn, 0·21; Hay, 0·08; Moruya, 0·21; Mount Victoria, 0·12; Newcastle, 0·11; Wagga, 0·04; Trangie, 0·20; Grenfell, 0·13; Howlong, 0·18; Gulgong, 0·87; Bowral, 0·04; Casilis, 0·40; Narrandera, 0·08; Young, 0·21; Wellington, 0·68; Cowra, 0·06; Mudgee, 0·27; Queanbeyan, 0·50; Coolah, 0·15; Merriwa, 0·67; Carcoar, 0·10; Burrowa, 0·27; Carrathool, 0·07; Tamworth, 0·23; Yass, 0·27; Barmedman, 0·08; Ungarie, 0·10; Taralga, 0·43; Bendemeer, 0·02; Wyalong, 0·06; Gabo, 0·10; Moss Vale, 0·10; Dubbo, 0·16; Eden, 0·65; Barraba, 0·06; Muswellbrook, 0·65; Singleton, 0·40; Orange, 0·16; Sydney, 0·06.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N., strong, hazy, sea moderate; Byron Bay, N.E., strong, fine, sea heavy; Ballina, N., cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, N.E., hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, N.E., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, N.W., strong, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S.E., fine, sea moderate; Port Stephens, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Newcastle, W.N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, N.W., light, fine, sea smooth; Barranjoey, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; South Head, W., strong, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Kiama, W., fresh, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, W., strong, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, S.S.W. fresh, fine, sea smooth; Ulladulla, W., light, fine, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, S.E., light fine, sea smooth; Moruya, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.S.W., moderate, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, S.S.W., fresh, cloudy, gloomy, sea moderate.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Rain has passed away to Tasman Sea. On Friday westerly winds (N.W. to S.W.) with fine weather generally.—H. C. Russell.

South Australia.—Cold, strong westerly winds (N.W. to S.W.); boisterous and very squally on the coast with high seas; further showers chiefly over central and southern districts.—C. Todd.

Victoria.—Mostly fine with scattered clouds and light to fresh west and north-westerly winds; moderate sea.—P. Baracchi.

SPECIAL FORECASTS BY MR. CLEMENT L. WRAGGE.

New South Wales.—Some rain in the southern parts; very hot and dry in the northern half, with occasional thunder and strong squalls from between N.W. and S.W. south from Newcastle, with areas of rough sea under the disturbance "Migmar;" a more marked cool change along the south coast speedily follows.

Victoria.—Showery in the south, strong W. squalls in the Straits, with patches of rough sea.

Tasmania.—Cool, yet showery, squally under "Migmar."

New Zealand.—Strong north-westerlies with rain south from Wellington.

New Caledonia.—Fine, but cloudy.

Western Australia.—Fresh westerly weather, strong squalls and showers between Perth, Albany, and Eucla, but in the central and northern regions further great heat and drought conditions will obtain, relieved occasionally by passing thunderstorms.

Northern Territory.—Same as central and northern districts of Western Australia, with intense heat.

South Australia.—Hot and dry north from Lake Eyre, cooler south therefrom, showery weather in the south, with strong W. squalls south from Gawler; some thunderstorms and rough seas south-east from Spencer's Gulf.

Queensland.—Further great heat, capricious thunderstorms, mostly of a dry character, chiefly in the central and western part; duststorms and miniature tornadoes, especially in the interior and north-west; winds between N.W. and W. will prevail over the south-eastern quadrant, shifting later towards the south-west, with the prospect of cooler weather; sea moderate.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR OCTOBER 28.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1898.

In the Legislative Council yesterday the Supply Bill was passed through all its stages and returned to the Legislative Assembly. The Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amendment Bill was read the second time and carried through committee. After formal business in the Legislative Assembly the House in Committee of the Whole proceeded to consider the proposals of private members for the amendment of the Commonwealth Constitution Bill.

The British Government has invited tenders for the construction of four battleships, one first-class cruiser, and 12 torpedo destroyers. French-Canadian newspapers exhibit a pronounced sympathy with France in regard to the Fashoda question. Mr. Cecil Rhodes has declared that in 1894 he, with the authority of Lord Rosebery, who was then Premier of England, warned Baron de Courcel that Great Britain would fight to prevent any cutting of the British connection between North and South Africa. It is semi-officially announced that Fashoda will shortly be evacuated by the French. War preparations are being proceeded with on both sides, but the intentions are pacific.

Lord Charles Beresford, the Special Commissioner of the Associated Chambers of Commerce to China, is satisfied with the results he has already achieved at Pekin.

A force of 30 French marines has arrived at Pekin to protect the French Legation in that city.

Mr. Hardy, ex-president of the Institute of Actuaries, has been appointed actuary of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company of Sydney.

A great hailstorm, followed by torrents of rain, has taken place in Macedonia. Several bridges were destroyed, and a caravan of 47 men, women, and children was engulfed.

Lieutenant the Hon. E. G. Boyle, of the Rifle Brigade, son of the Earl of Glasgow, ex-Governor of New Zealand, has died at Malta, whither he was invalided from Crete.

Mr. Knowlton, an American millionaire, of Brooklyn, has committed suicide by shooting himself.

Dr. John Lloyd Whitmarsh has been sentenced to death for the murder of a woman named Alice Beyly by performing an illegal operation upon her.

Mr. W. J. Galloway, M.P. for Manchester, S.W., has sailed for New Zealand to study the effect of old-age pensions and friendly societies.

The business of Henry Bull and Co., warehousemen, of London and Sydney, is being formed into a limited liability company with a capital of £210,000.

The agitation over the Dreyfus case in Paris has resulted in a political crisis. In the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday night the Government was accused of allowing the army to be insulted, and of exceeding its powers in referring the Dreyfus case to the Court of Cassation. A motion affirming the supremacy of the civil over the military power, but declaring the Chamber's confidence in the army, was carried by 559 votes to 2. A resolution directing the Government to end the campaign of insult against the army was opposed by the Government, but was carried by a majority of 47 votes, whereupon the Premier resigned. The Fashoda incident was not mentioned. M. Ribot will probably be the new Premier. He is regarded as a good friend to England.

Yesterday the Premier promised a deputation, representing dairy farmers from different parts of the colony, that he would introduce a bill to regulate the sale of margarine and to protect butter producers from fraud.

A deputation yesterday urged upon the Minister for Justice the necessity of the Government asking Parliament to pass a law providing for the registration of business firms.

Lord Lamington, Governor of Queensland, and Lady Lamington arrived from Queensland yesterday, and subsequently left by special train for Melbourne. The report of an interview with Lord Lamington will be found elsewhere.

Yesterday a deputation urged upon the Minister for Works the desirability of the extension of the railway from Redfern to St. James-road, city. The Minister, in reply, promised to place the matter before the Cabinet. Personally he desired to see an extension soon made.

There was very little business in investments in the Stock and Share market yesterday, the movements being but slight. Quotations for all securities and bank shares continued the same as on Wednesday.

In the Breadstuffs market the second rainfall throughout most of the wheat-growing areas has tended to increase offerings, and the market yesterday was hardly so firm. Best samples were quoted at 3s 5d to 3s 6d. Flour met with good inquiry at £8 10s to £9.

Rather more activity was displayed yesterday in the Import market in nearly all departments of trade. In tea alone did absolute quietness prevail.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 4900 bales of wool were manifested to arrive, 737 bales were received coastwise, and 732 came forward by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday.

The feature of the Mining market yesterday was the strong improvement in values of the principal Western Australian gold stocks, due to cablegrams announcing a recovery on the London Stock Exchange.

Yesterday's customs revenue amounted to £3374.

The R.M.S. Austral, which had to return to Suez in consequence of the loss of a blade of her propeller, has resumed her voyage to Australia.

The land-taxing question decided yesterday by the Banco Court in appeal from the Court of Review is one of great interest, inasmuch as it deals with what we may speak of as the psychology of our land tax legislation. The appeal, as all our readers know who have followed the course of litigation, is in the case of John Cooper, appellant, and the Commissioners of Taxation under the Land and Income Tax Assessments Act, respondents. The matter of dispute was the principle to be kept in view in applying the provisions of the land-taxing clauses to a large, single, and, as respects its ownership, undivided estate. And the question to be decided became the more difficult from its being one upon which the Act itself threw no light. The Act provides that in assessing the tax it must be imposed on the "unimproved value" of the land; that is to say, as the clause proceeds to explain, "the capital sum for which the fee simple estate in such land . . . would sell, assuming that the actual improvements, if any, had not been made." Such added value as is given to land by improvements made upon it is not taxable, but what value it derives from surrounding improvements, such as streets, lighting, buildings, and all works which enhance the value of neighbouring lands, is subject to assessment and taxation. So far all is clear. Accepting the principles of a tax on unimproved values, it is apparent that a block of land in, say, the centre of Sydney has value imparted to it by all improvements and increments of value accruing to the lands contiguous to and around it. But up to this point the crucial difficulty of this particular case is not touched. To appreciate this difficulty we have to ask what, for purposes of this provision, is to be taken as a unit of land subject to taxation? Does it depend on the unity or division of ownership? If all the land of a town belonged to one owner, would it be valued as one piece, and all increment of value given by improvements be thus excluded from the assessment? Would the increased values due to neighbouring improvements which would be assessed if the land were divided between a large number of owners wholly disappear from the valuations if it were owned as an undivided estate by a single owner? It is remarkable that no answer to this important question is supplied by the words of the Act. It is satisfactory as testimony to the fairness with which the Act is administered in the absence of such directions that the principles of administration acted upon by the Commissioners and approved by the Judge of the Court of Review in a highly able judgment are now upheld by the Banco Court in appeal.

The question which the Appeal Court had to decide was whether the Commissioners were justified, for the purpose of valuation, in regarding the estate as divided into separate parcels by the roads, streets, and other divisions openly indicated on the land itself. It is apparent that this course would bring in as sources of increased value the improvements effected on other portions of the same estate, and that thus the land as a whole would be taxed upon its own improvements. The answer to this is that the land is not treated as a whole, that the open, obvious divisions are taken into account, and that the condition of unity of undivided ownership does not prevent the application of the same principles of taxation that would apply if the different subdivisions were in the hands of different owners. This is the principle acted upon by the Commissioners, confirmed by the Court of Review, and now upheld by the Supreme Court in appeal. As one of their Honors pointed out, the Commissioners would not be justified in arbitrarily dividing the land for the purpose of taxation, "but going upon the land, they find it cut up by the appellant into separate leaseholds or parcels, held through or under him by different lessees or sub-lessees in possession." And they were unable to see any injustice in taking these divisions as separately subject to valuation, as, in the words of Mr. Justice Stephen, "it seems evident that the owner by selling the land in parcels obtains for it a value highly enhanced by the other improvements on the land, and whether they were erected by the tenants or by the owner himself does not, it seems to me, touch the case. Each parcel would, in my view, come within the term 'such land' in the interpretation clause as to the meaning of 'unimproved value.'" It is evident that the principle so affirmed is of wide-reaching application, and it is fair matter for regret that so obvious a question was not foreseen and answered in the preparation of the Act instead of being left to be worked out by the administrators of the measure and tested by subsequent litigation.

The details of Mr. Chamberlain's scheme for the regular exchange between England and her colonies of their respective troops are made known at an opportune moment. On the one hand, the political developments throughout the world during the last 12 months must have impressed on the dullest reader of newspapers that the struggles and successes of the great nations are to be made and gained in the future in the fields of colonial expansion, whilst the events of the last few days will have impressed him that war, when it is once declared between England and some great Power, is likely to affect every English-speaking community. The idea that was common a few years ago, that we at this end of the world were removed from the war "sphere of influence," is no longer held to, nor could it very well be entertained by thoughtful observers since Russia has so firmly established bases in Eastern China. In the circumstances, therefore, any policy that tends to draw closer the defensive systems of the Empire must be regarded with great favour as forming yet another common ground of interest between sections of the people of England and those who live in her oversea possessions. From that point of view alone the departure ought to have the very best results. It is well within the memory of people living when British statesmen regarded the colonies in the light if not of an actual weakness at any rate as unprofitable encumbrances, that might very well be left to shift for themselves as soon as convenient opportunities presented themselves. Even Lord Beaconsfield's imperialistic ideas did not make the importance of South Africa as a colony plain, and, as for these colonies, a couple of decades ago, if an under-secretary knew where New South Wales was, that was about the maximum of attention bestowed upon us. Now all that is changed. It is seen that, if the greatest Empire the world has ever seen is to hold together, it will be by the expansion of her oversea possessions, by, so to speak, their autonomous development, whilst, at the same time, their sympathy with and knowledge of the mother country increase. In this connection a passage by the late Mr. Froude is worth quoting:—"Amidst the uncertainties which are gathering round us at home, a future so obscure that the wisest men will least venture a conjecture what the future will be, it is something to have seen with our own eyes that there are other Englands besides the old one, where the race is thriving with all its ancient characteristics. Let Fate do its worst, the family of Oceana is still growing, and will have a sovereign voice in the coming fortunes of mankind." But our voice will be none the less authoritative, nor will it be heard with less respect, because in the coming years those antagonists of England listening to its sound will be sensible that our soldiers have taken active part in the struggles of the Empire. This seems to be one obvious result—and it is a great one—that will accrue from the regular interchange of troops. Gradually a lively interest in and knowledge of the aims of the Empire will be diffused among our people.

Other results, of course, may be expected. One will be that it will open to the colonial soldier a much more attractive career than he could have counted upon before, and, pace those well-meaning enthusiasts who confidently count upon the time when swords shall be beaten into ploughshares, inspire a proper military ardour in the breast of the young colonial. No one, of course, would court the ire of these good people by striving to fan the flame of militarism; but, between that and a knowledge that war is not yet quite a bad dream of the past, there is surely a vast difference. And so long as war remains soldiers to fight battles and defend forts will be a necessity; we cannot be the worse off because those who may be called upon to fight for us have been trained in the best military school in the world, or because they have learnt by the actual experience of campaigns that the Empire's path is

> Where, girt and crowned by sword and fire,
> England with bare and bloody feet
> Climbs the steep road of wide empire.

Every soldier naturally longs for active service; but so far, happily enough, of course, from one point of view, our troops have had no opportunity to see the stern game of war in all its naked reality. This they will have, no doubt, when the detachments are drafted to the forces of the Imperial Army, and it ought not to be susceptible of doubt that the experience so gained will be of the utmost value.

The details of the scheme, so far as they have been made public, seem to show that the experiment will be tried at first by an exchange of artillery troops; and, no doubt, the artillery arm is at present the most important integer in our defence system. At the same time, as the scheme expands it may be hoped that every section of our forces will be in due turn selected for service with the Imperial army; for no doubt the knowledge that any man attached to our permanent forces would have this prospect of a visit to England open to him would tend to popularise the service and attract to it the best class of men. However, this is perhaps a matter of detail, and no doubt will be attended to as the scheme develops, as will other considerations. It ought to be a very simple matter to arrange that the pay of the Imperial troops who are sent here should be on the same scale as that of our permanent forces; indeed, the expenditure involved here is so small that it is hardly worth considering, though it would certainly be a graceful act on the part of the colonial Governments to offer to make good the difference. After all we should be the chief direct gainers. The presence of our men in the ranks of the British army will strengthen the hands of England by showing foreign nations the quality of the men that are bred oversea, and by impressing her vast resources for recruiting men and material. At the same time the detachments sent here, trained in a stricter discipline and under more rigid conditions, ought to have a sensible effect on the morale of our forces. But from whatever point the innovation is regarded, it seems to heartily commend itself, and none the less so because it is eminently practical and has not a suspicion of that reclame about it that has sometimes tinged Imperialistic federal proposals.

Still another deputation yesterday urging the extension of the railway into the city. This deputation urged the Minister for Works to fix Hyde Park as the terminus—to, in fact, adopt the recommendation of the Railway Commissioners, backed up by the Public Works Committee and by the Royal Commission. Another deputation is to wait on the Minister for Works at an early date, when he will be urged to fix another route. And thus deputation after deputation may call round and represent different views to whoever happens to be Minister for Works, until the inevitable happens, and the colony is startled one morning by reading of great loss of life in the overcrowded Redfern Station. People will not be inclined then to remember anything but this—that the Railway Commissioners, the trustees of this part of the public estate, have declared again and again that the present arrangements are inadequate and that they constitute a public danger. Before that calamity happens—as happen it must unless the railway is extended—the Government should take the matter in hand. If Mr. Reid finds it difficult to provide that "alternative scheme" of which he spoke three or four weeks ago, Parliament would do well to adopt the scheme favoured by the Commissioners. For this is a matter which does not only affect the Government, or Mr. Reid, or King Division, or that section of the population of the country which makes use of the part of Hyde Park which it is proposed to resume. It affects everybody in the city or country who uses the railways and risks his life and limbs at Redfern. Yesterday's deputation came from the northern, eastern, western, and Illawarra suburbs. These are, of course, interested in the matter, and so also is every other person in the country. To take the least sentimental view, it is the country at large that will have to pay the damages when the big accident comes. There should be no further delay. There is no question of policy involved, and both sides of the House should insist upon the matter being taken in hand at once.

The business of the railways during the first quarter of the new financial year opens well. It shows an increase over the corresponding quarter of last year of £67,108, that quarter being a bad one, though the remainder of the year steadily improved. The present increase is exhibited in almost every item, excepting that of first-class passengers. Passenger traffic on the whole shows improvement to the extent of £9462, while goods traffic gives an increase of £57,950. This is made up by increases on general merchandise, live stock, wool, coal and coke, and other minerals. The fact that the improvement is all round prevents it from being accounted for by any single cause, such, for instance, as the earlier despatch of wool to market, and requires a general improvement of activity and production for its explanation. This view is borne out by the fact that the tramways, which deal with the life of the metropolis, show a similar record, presenting an increase of earnings amounting to £6053. In a business point of view it is satisfactory to note that, while a much larger quantity of work has been done to earn the increased revenue, the percentage of expenditure to earnings exhibits a decrease, and, consequently, a better rate of profit.

The winning of the Cambridgeshire Stakes at Newmarket by an Australian horse sent to England by Mr. H. C. White is an event of much more than merely sporting interest. Coming in succession to the former wins which have gone to the credit of horses bred and trained in the colonies, it will help to draw attention to the capabilities of Australian racehorses, and in so doing to add to their commercial value. With the great natural advantages we possess for the production of first-class stock, and with the stimulus imparted by the prevalence of racing interest and activity throughout Australia, we ought to find large and ready access for our horses to all the markets of the world. Every success such as that scored on Wednesday helps in this direction, and serves to increase the popularity which Australian racing stock is winning in England and the East. In the East already we are in a strong position, and no race meeting at any racecourse in the Straits Settlements is complete without its contingent of Australian competitors, run by Chinese owners. All we want to increase the rewards and add to the prosperity of the horse-breeding industry, for which our country is so well adapted, is increased outlet for our products at remunerative prices. And every signal victory gained on the English turf tells in this direction. It is an interesting circumstance that the owner of the Cambridgeshire winner is brother of the late Hon. James White, who may be looked upon as one of the pioneers in the work of introducing the Australian horse to the English racing public.

LETTERS FROM ABROAD.—We publish to-day our Paris Letter and our American Letter. Our Paris correspondent, amongst other subjects, writes of the murdered Empress of Austria and her grief-stricken sisters the ex-Queen of Naples and the Duchesse D'Alençon. In our American Letter our correspondent refers to the State elections in Vermont and Maine, which showed a serious falling-off in the Republican vote. He also deals with the management of the late war, the question of colonial expansion, the future of the Philippine Islands, and the Anglo-American conference at Quebec.

VICE-REGAL NEWS.—Lord and Lady Lamington arrived in Sydney yesterday by the Brisbane express train, and were met at the Redfern railway station by Captain Feilden (Private Secretary to Lord Hampden) and Captain Pelham (A.D.C. to Lord Lamington), Captain Pelham having previously arrived in Sydney. Lord and Lady Lamington were driven to Government House, where they were received by Lord Hampden and the Viscountess Hampden. At a quarter past 7 o'clock in the evening a vice-regal party from Government House left by special train for Melbourne, where the visitors will be the guests of Lord and Lady Brassey during the Melbourne Cup carnival. The party consisted of Lord Hampden, the Viscountess Hampden, the Hon. Dorothy Brand, the Hon. Alice Brand, Lord and Lady Lamington, Captain Feilden, Captain Pelham, and Captain Ward, A.D.C. to the Governor of New Zealand.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The Premier announced in the Legislative Assembly last evening that he intended to deliver his financial statement next Wednesday, and will commence his speech before the adjournment for refreshments. At the close of his financial statement he would consent to the adjournment of the debate for a week, and he suggested that the resumption of the consideration of the federal resolutions should follow the delivery of the financial statement.

SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.—With reference to the statements that were made in the Legislative Assembly last night as to this bill, which seeks to effect a reform in regard to the election of aldermen for the City Council, Mr. Jessep, M.L.A., who has charge of the measure, explains that the second reading was fixed for last Tuesday, but as it could not be taken then he agreed to postpone it until November 29, which was the only free night available. Mr. Jessep states that, although the bill will be no use in the forthcoming election of aldermen, he is yet convinced that no harm will result by not having the measure, because he thinks the citizens will elect candidates who will be able to carry out their views with regard to the reorganisation of the City Council.

STOCK BOARDS OF ADVICE.—The Minister for Agriculture yesterday had a long interview with the Stock Board of Advice, that had just been holding its quarterly meeting. The interview was of a departmental character. The board discussed with the Minister some recommendations it had previously made relating to stock routes, a new sheep Act, and the matter of dealing with anthrax.

LAND AND INCOME TAX ACT.—Some important information regarding the Land and Income Tax Act was given to Mr. Affleck in the Legislative Assembly last night. It appears from a statement made by the Premier that the land tax assessment book is not completed, but any information respecting assessments which may be legally disclosed will be furnished upon application. Every effort is being made to complete the assessment book at the earliest possible date. Nine per cent. of the disputed valuations still remain undecided; of these the larger proportion is practically settled, but awaits the receipt of formal acceptances from the taxpayers. It was considered advisable to exhaust every means to obtain a friendly settlement with the taxpayers, and thus avoid the expense attendant upon legal proceedings. Arrangements are now being made, Mr. Reid added, to set down the remaining cases for hearing at the Appeal Court.

COMPENSATION FOR DESTRUCTION OF DISEASED VINEYARDS.—The Minister for Agriculture (Mr. Cook) has noticed that the vinegrowers of the various Cumberland associations are likely to cooperate and test the question as to what rate of compensation should be paid to growers whose vineyards are destroyed by the Government in consequence of the presence of phylloxera. Mr. Cook points out that under the Act any vinegrower who is not satisfied with the estimated amount of compensation to which the inspector considers he is entitled may cause the question to be referred to arbitration for settlement, and the Minister states the department has no desire to impose any injustice on vinegrowers who have the misfortune to have their properties destroyed, but on the contrary will afford them every facility to have the matter settled in the manner prescribed as promptly as possible.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN HORSE.—A deputation of members of Parliament, consisting of Messrs. Hassall, Phillips, Perry, Wood, Sawers, Wilson, Richards, Barnes, and Donaldson, waited upon Major-General French yesterday morning to urge upon him the advisability of extending the establishment of the First Australian Horse from its present strength to 1000. Mr. Hassall acted as spokesman, and pointed out the advantages of having available a larger body of this excellent corps than was at present authorised. Major-General French said he was well aware of the value of the Australian Horse from a military point of view, and he favoured the increase of numbers asked for. Having seen something of the regiment at the camps held at Cootamundra, Mudgee, and Gunnedah, he was very well satisfied with the corps, and the manner in which it was worked by Colonel Mackay. The granting of the request involved a certain amount of expense, and the matter was therefore one for the consideration of the Government. As the movement had his sympathy, he would further it as far as possible.

MAIL STEAMERS.—The San Francisco mail steamer Alameda arrived at Auckland yesterday morning and sailed in the evening for Sydney. She is due here on Monday morning. A cable to the Orient Company gives the sailing from Suez of its steamer Austral on the 26th instant after the recent accident to her propeller. The vessel was delayed for 12 days, and the mails were transhipped to the India for Australia. The Victoria's mails from London are due here on Tuesday next for delivery, and the steamer this day week. On Sunday morning the Ville de la Ciotat will leave Sydney, taking a good many excursionist passengers for the Melbourne racing carnival. In the homeward list booked by the steamer there are Sir William Macgregor, Commander and Mrs. Kuntz, Mr. and Mrs. Ballande and family, Mr. F. C. Colliard, and Captain and Mrs. Lejeune.

AN AUSTRALIAN-BOUND STEAMER IN A TYPHOON.—The 5000-ton steel steamer Cowrie, which was listed to visit Australia this season, has just met with a terrible experience in a typhoon. From letters which have reached Sydney it appears that the Cowrie was in the Formosa Channel on August 28 and 29, when she was caught in the typhoon. The seas smashed her hatches to pieces, and the water got into the engine-room and stokehold, putting out the fires. The European officers and engineers personally succeeded in rekindling the fires after the firemen were prostrated by exhaustion, and although the Cowrie had 600 tons of water aboard she managed to make Woosung. The carpenter, a Norwegian, was washed overboard and drowned.

CONVICTION SET ASIDE.—Yesterday the Full Court dealt with an important matter in regard to the appeal of Alice Short, who was tried in August last on a charge of the manslaughter of Sarah Gettens, at North Sydney. It appears that shortly after the case was opened one of the jurymen was taken ill, and was unable to proceed with his duties, and with the consent of the accused another jury was sworn. The 11 other jurymen, however, were not resworn, and at the close of the trial the accused's attorney took the objection that there had been a mistrial, inasmuch as the 11 jurors had not been re-sworn. The Full Court yesterday heard argument on the point, and expressed an opinion that, under the circumstances stated, there had never been a trial at all, and that when the 11 jurymen were discharged they were in exactly the same position as the other members of the panel who had not served in the case. They should therefore have been re-sworn, and as they were not, there was no legally constituted tribunal to try the accused. The judgment was therefore reversed, and the conviction quashed. In the case of a prisoner named Ryan, who was found guilty at Tamworth of giving a wilfully false answer to a question in applying for an elector's right, the conviction was also set aside, on the ground that the question was put by the assistant registrar instead of by the registrar or a deputy registrar temporarily appointed as provided by the Act.

APPEAL UNDER THE LAND AND INCOME TAX ASSESSMENT ACT.—Yesterday the Full Court delivered its reserved judgment in the appeal of John Cooper against the finding of Judge Murray sitting as a Court of Review. The appellant is the owner in fee simple in possession of an estate of 563 acres, known as Thrupp's grant. The Commissioners of Taxation, for purposes of assessment, treated the grant as an aggregation of 422 separate estates or parcels, and not as one estate. They did not take into consideration any improvements actually existing upon any one of these distinct estates or parcels as affecting its value, but they did take into consideration the benefit of roads and streets and all other improvements of every kind existing on December 31, 1896, upon all the remainder of the grant as well as upon the land surrounding the same; and they fixed the unimproved value of the whole for the purposes of land tax at £220,000. The Court of Review upheld the contention of the Commissioners, and yesterday the Full Court decided that the decision was right. The appeal therefore failed.

THE IMPORTATION OF FRUIT.—For some time past the bananas from the northern ports of Queensland have been found by the inspectors under the Vegetation Diseases Act to be severely affected by the Queensland fruit fly, and a large number of bunches have been condemned every week. For instance, last Monday, out of a shipment of 6200 bunches no fewer that 948 were condemned; but strange to say, last Tuesday the shipment of 2800 bunches was so good that only 87 bunches were condemned. It has been noticed by the inspectors that one particular brand is invariably good, and not a single bunch of that brand has ever been condemned, which shows that if care be taken the objectionable pest can be dealt with. The improvement in Tasmanian apples, so far as the scale insects are concerned, has been very marked latterly. Of 1600 cases imported by the last steamer only 18 cases were condemned.

THE MUDGEE VINEGROWERS.—A letter has been received by the Minister for Agriculture from the Mudgee vinegrowers thanking him for sending the viticultural expert, Professor Blunno, to their district, and stating that periodical visits would be much appreciated, and of material assistance to them in preliminary work necessary to put the industry on a satisfactory footing.

ABORIGINES' PROTECTION BOARD.—A meeting of the board was held yesterday afternoon, when there were present:—Messrs. E. Fosbery (chairman), J. M. Chanter, M.L.A., G. E. Ardill, U. W. Carpenter, and W. C. Hill. Authority was granted for the issue of rations to destitute aborigines at Wee Waa and Cuttabri, and for the purchase of seed potatoes and maize for planting on the reserve at Ingalba. Necessary repairs to the boat used by the aborigines at La Perouse were authorised. A letter was read from the Under-Secretary for Lands, stating that the Minister did not deem it advisable to grant an extension of the reserve for aborigines at Brungle, but that temporary occupation would be allowed. The board decided to urge upon the Minister that portion of the extension applied for might be granted as a site for the erection of new dwellings at that place. Accounts amounting to £449 11s 4d were passed for payment.

A SHARK RUN DOWN BY THE AUSTRAL.—A passenger by the Austral on her last trip from Sydney writes:—"While we were making our passage home from Sydney to London on August 20, at about 4 a.m., in the Red Sea, a large shark, estimated at from 20ft. to 25ft. in length, which must have been sleeping on the surface, was found to have come in contact with the ship's bows. The vessel must have hit the shark nearly in the middle of the back, and as the Austral was going at a great speed she carried the shark in front of its bows for nearly two hours. When the captain found that the monster did not fall away he had to stop the ship to allow the monster to fall into the depths of the Red Sea.

AN EXCITING RUNAWAY.—A sensational runaway occurred at Glebe Point yesterday afternoon. Two horses in a 'bus belonging to Mr. M'Grath, and driven by Joseph Collins, became restive when at the Glebe rank owing to the winkers being displaced. The driver endeavoured to control the animals, but failed, and to save himself alighted. The horses bolted with the 'bus towards the Glebe Point wharf. They raced down the hill on to the wharf, where they tried to turn, but fell into the water. Both horses were drowned and the vehicle stood upright, the top part being above the water. Fortunately no person was in the 'bus. The vehicle, which was much damaged, was raised.

A FATAL FALL.—A Swiss named Louis Stuckini, 42, stonemason, who resided at Wiley-street, Waverley, fell 30ft. from scaffolding while at work at the convent at Rose Bay yesterday. Dr. Mueller was summoned, and on examining the body pronounced life to be extinct.

CORONER'S COURT.—Mr. J. C. Woore (City Coroner) concluded yesterday morning the inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of an elderly man named William Bates, lately residing at Balmain-street, Leichhardt, which was commenced on October 19, and was adjourned pending an analysis of the contents of deceased's stomach. Mr. W. M. Doherty stated yesterday that no trace of poison could be found in the organs submitted to him, and in view of the medical evidence Mr. Woore recorded a finding that deceased died from natural causes.

The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman M. Harris) left last night for Melbourne, and will be absent from the city for a week. During his absence Alderman M. Chapman will act as his deputy.

To-morrow afternoon the ocean trip will be made to Hawkesbury by the favourite steamer Newcastle, which will leave the Market-street wharf at 2 o'clock sharp, reaching Sydney on return about 10 o'clock.

To-morrow the steamer General Gordon will make an excursion on the Hawkesbury River in connection with trains leaving Sydney at 9.4 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m. The river trip will occupy about five hours.

A deputation from the committee of the Institution for the Blind at Strathfield will wait upon the Colonial Secretary at 11.30 this morning with regard to the future management of the institution.

The success achieved by Mr. Mark Blow in taking photographs of the Hon. Alice Brand resulted in a visit to the Crown Studios last Tuesday of the Hon. Dorothy Brand. Mr. Blow has taken a number of clever rococo portraits of this lady, with especial attention to detail, not only in the lighting of the face, but also in the reproduction of the filmy material of the dress, for which the rococo work is particularly well suited.

Messrs. Henry Harris and Co. (late Messrs. Harris and Ackman) announce an important auction sale of a shipment of best English masterpieces, beginning at 11 a.m. to-day.

The adjourned debate on the question—"That New South Wales should insist on Sydney being Fixed upon as the Federal Capital," took place at the School of Arts last night. The motion was carried.

At the Smithfield and Fairfield Council meeting on Wednesday evening it was decided, on the motion of Alderman Braine, that a letter be written to the Postmaster-General asking that provision be made for the issue of money orders and postal notes at the Fairfield post-office.

The 7.50 p.m. special train from Sydney to Melbourne yesterday was well patronised by visitors to the V.R.C. races.

We are informed by Mr. A. H. Prince, secretary of the New South Wales Sheepbreeders' Association, that a convention of sheepbreeders' associations will be held on November 2 at Scott's Hotel, Melbourne, to deal with an assimilation of rules, show dates, appointment of expert judges, dates of shearing sheep, and other matters in connection with sheep appointments. The intention is to frame one set of rules and conditions for all the societies, and to establish a uniform classification of the schedule. The delegates appointed from the New South Wales Sheepbreeders' Association are the Hon. F. B. Suttor, M.P., Mr. S. M'Caughey, and Mr. G. Cruickshank, M.L.A.

The monthly meeting of the council of the Highland Society of N.S.W. was held at the rooms, 98 Pitt-street, on Tuesday evening last. Payment was made to old and enfeebled pensioners to the amount of £20 15s.

The "Government Gazette" issued yesterday contains the list of tenders accepted for the conveyance of mails in various parts of the colony from January 1 next.

The second concert of the series of Venetian Boat Concerts by the Sydney Choral Society will take place this evening. The boat will leave Circular Quay as advertised in our business columns.

The Theosophical Debating Club will meet in Room 1, Temperance Hall, to-night, to discuss "Mesmerism: What it is and what it is not."

The annual excursion and picnic of Holy Trinity Church, Erskineville, took place yesterday at Correy's Gardens, and proved an enjoyable function for the large number of children and adults who attended.

The second of the moonlight excursions arranged by the Tramway Department to Coogee Bay took place last night, and was perhaps a greater success than on Tuesday. The five special trams were loaded with passengers, and about 1000 must have made the journey.

A concert in aid of St. John's (Darlinghurst) Parochial School was given in St. James' Hall, Phillip-street, yesterday evening. There was a good attendance, and an excellent entertainment was arranged by Mr. J. D. Brown.

A vocal and instrumental concert, organised by Miss Chambers in aid of the Seamen's Mission, was held in the Centenary Hall last evening. The instrumental portion of the programme was contributed by Signor Podenzana and his pupils.

A Cinderella dance was held in the Masonic Hall, Summer Hill, on Wednesday night. Miss G. Kenyon looked after the comfort of the party, with the aid of two efficient Ms.C.

A social was held at Canterbury on Wednesday night in connection with the Presbyterian Church, Mildura. There was a large attendance. The Rev. George Hay presided.

The band of the N.S.W. Artillery Regiment will (weather permitting) perform in Hyde Park under the direction of Brigade Bandmaster Hutchinson, this afternoon, commencing at 3.30.

It is officially intimated in another column of this issue that the Presbytery of Sydney will meet this evening at 7.30, in the Chinese Church, Foster-street, to perform the ceremony of inducting the Rev. J. Young Wai into the pastoral charge of the Chinese congregation.

Two children of Mr. G. Taylor, on Tuesday at Carlton, were thrown from a sulky, the horse attached to which bolted. They were conveyed to St. George's Hospital.

The steamer Kendal Castle, bound from Newcastle south, came off the Heads yesterday with signals flying "Want medical assistance." Dr. Pearce, health officer at the Heads, went out, the steamer in the meantime coming into the bay. It was found that the donkeyman on board was badly scalded about the legs. Dr. Pearce attended to his injuries, and as the man desired to proceed in the steamer he was taken on to Melbourne.

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IN PARLIAMENT.

The Legislative Council disposed of five measures yesterday, including the Government Supply Bill and the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Act Amending Bill. The former met with no opposition as to its details, and it passed through all stages rapidly. Mr. A. Brown, however, found time to deliver a rebuke to the Government for its failure to fulfil the Premier's promise to introduce a "cash basis system" in supercession of the monthly supply bills. He also, under cover of the bill, directed the attention of the House to what he described as a gross miscarriage of justice. The Attorney-General promised to give attention to the matter. The second measure named was, during the last session of Parliament, remitted to a select committee for inquiry. Its object was to grant a further two years to the company in which they might carry out the works at Illawarra. Some objection was raised by members who saw no practicability in the proposed undertaking, but the bill passed its second reading, and with a slight amendment went through committee. The Accused Persons Evidence Bill was read a third time and returned to the Assembly shorn of some of its vital principles. The final formalities were also obeyed in regard to the Medical Practitioners Bill, and the measure was sent on to the Assembly, and the second reading and committee stage of the Metropolitan Saleyards (fees) Bill was reached and passed. This bill proposes a reduction of the fees charged for the yarding and sale of stock at the saleyards. The House rose at a quarter to 9.

The debate on the Federal Resolutions was continued on Mr. M'Gowen's amendment. Mr. Reid early joined in the debate, and seemed to be opposed to it, although he did not definitely say so. Still he thinks that it is unnecessary to have the referendum principle applied to an amendment of the constitution—he considers that there is much more probability of the other colonies accepting the resolutions if the referendum suggestion is absent from them. In the resolution that provides for the settlement of deadlocks it is proposed that a simple majority at a joint sitting shall decide disputes. That of course applies to legislative deadlocks, not to constitutional ones—at least, constitutional alterations; but Mr. Reid does not think there is sufficient ground to distinguish between the two classes of difficulty. However, the Premier is in the hands of the House. If a majority is for the amendment he will accept it, and he went on to show that he was thoroughly justified in adopting this course. The House throughout had loyally supported him—sinking party cries and personal predilections, and had dealt with the resolutions in a thoroughly national spirit. Therefore, because of that fine magnanimous spirit, it was not for him to churlishly take the first friendly criticism of the House—even supposing that good-natured criticism displayed itself in the shape of a rejection of one of his resolutions, or the substantial amendment of one—by construing it into a vote of want of confidence. Mr. Reid spoke of the noble conduct of the Opposition, and especially its prominent men, in such a manner that possibly some of his ardent supporters on the other side of the House really believed that they had done all in their power to assist him. However, his declaration of reasonableness is certainly a good stragetical move. It makes it very difficult for the House to add anything or take anything away from the resolutions which will force Mr. Reid into an awkward position. He justifies this course on the ground that the House having sanctioned the method of his procedure, the House has, in a measure, pledged itself to consider the resolutions apart from party considerations. And Mr. Reid claims to act at all stages for a majority of the people, and how can he find out the wishes of the majority of the people, and act upon those wishes, unless he first gets the opinion of the majority of members?

As for the two first clauses of Mr. M'Gowen's amendment Mr. Reid at a later stage of his remarks became more definite. He promised to vote against them, because he feels certain that the other colonies will not agree to their provisions. At the same time he will abide by the decision of the House and take the amendments to the conference, although he by no means binds himself to nail his colours to the mast and fight for them when the time comes to confer with the other colonies. As for the third clause, which provides that powers which remained with the States at the date of the acceptance of the Commonwealth shall not be transferred to the Central Government unless by a consent of a majority of the voters in the particular State concerned, Mr. Reid thinks that a just and equitable principle, and it has already been adopted in regard to the alteration of State boundaries. Shortly put, although the Premier believes the principle of the mass referendum to be a just one, he recognises that compromise is the essence of the business, and so he does not think that it should be included in the resolutions.

The debate generally took the turn of a discussion—for the hundredth time probably—of the abstract merits of the referendum principle. But one cannot help thinking that, after all, these discussions are a little beside the question at this time of day. We must all feel that equal State representation is a cardinal necessity of the federal bond that is to be, and therefore it is not at all likely that any proposal of the kind will be agreed with by the other colonies. Mr. Hughes gave a very thoughtful digest of the American Constitution, but he denied that the referendum principle would in the slightest degree impair the value of the federal constitution. In fact, our self-governing powers would be far greater than any conferred by the American Constitution. He denied absolutely that by supporting the referendum the labour party aimed at unification. On the contrary, he contends that by setting forth clearly in the document that the people must be consulted before the constitution is altered, or that they should have the right to alter the constitution, was essentially carrying into practice the theory of a dual form of government. Mr. Wise once delivered himself on the referendum idea as "an appeal from Philip sober to Philip drunk," nevertheless he has an implicit faith in the judgment of the people. Only he thinks that their opinions should be expressed through their duly chosen representatives. He considers the constitution as it is drawn now—that is, with the amendment as proposed by Mr. Reid in his resolution "A"—is quite elastic enough, that it will afford free play to all the States to express their legitimate opinions. Mr. Wise's argument—illustrated by authorities and citations chiefly from the Swiss Constitution—that there is no real difficulty in making alterations in the constitution. The bill does not make alterations too easy, but, on the other hand, it does not make them impossible. That it does not absolutely safeguard the interests of each State he thinks rather a good thing, for to do so would be an extreme assertion of State rights. It should be made clear that the member for Ashfield does not theoretically object to the proposals to alter the constitution on an appeal to a referendum; that is a very different thing, he holds, from making the referendum part of the working machinery of the constitution. There is a difference, of course; though it is rather obvious that the power to alter the constitution by referendum will, in the long run, amount to very much the same as applying the referendum to legislative functions. However, he is against the proposal because he does not think it practicable. So far he is with the Premier, but though he agrees with Mr. Reid's attitude, he marvels that that gentleman should declare at the same time that he was prepared to do the will of the House. This led to a little explanation from the Premier. He said that, generally speaking, he was in the hands of the House. Mr. Barton suggested that this amiable complaisance would almost cover anything—even the rejection, he hinted, of all the resolutions. Mr. Reid rejoined that if that state of affairs came to pass someone else would have to carry the federation business through. If none of his resolutions were held to be essential, then he would be found opposing the bill.

The debate became terribly tiresome after this. Mr. Holman made a good impression as a fluent speaker. It seems that the whole question is whether we are to stand out for something which may permit the majority to make its voice heard definitely after the fashion that we have grown used to, or whether we shall adopt a reasonable compromise that will provide for a fair solution of deadlocks and constitutional alterations and not alarm the smaller colonies. The question has been debated a thousand times, and there are whole libraries to be spoken in support of either contention; but the practicalities are the things just now, and cannot be ignored. Mr. Rose urged that it was not a good thing to "bind our children in iron fetters," and the House silently sympathised with this view. All this time there was a very poor House, and once the quorum bell had to be rung. The debate was adjourned after Mr. Dugald Thomson had spoken, and the House rose.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

CHINA.

KANG-YU-WEI IN JAPAN.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Kang-yu-wei, the member of the Chinese Council of State, who fled from Pekin and who was protected by the British authorities, has arrived in Japan.

FRENCH MARINES AT PEKIN.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

A force of 30 French marines has arrived at Pekin to protect the French Legation in the city.

BRITISH OFFICIALS ATTACKED.

REDRESS DEMANDED.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

A body of Chinese soldiers has attacked a British officer and a railway engineer.

In addition to this outrage, the Chinese Secretary to the British Legation at Pekin compelled the British engineers on the Paoting-fu railway to stop work.

Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Ambassador at Pekin, has demanded redress.

THE PLAGUE IN VIENNA.

FOUR FATAL CASES.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Further particulars concerning the outbreak of plague in Vienna state that Nurse Pecha, who is attached to the Pathological Institute, is suffering from the plague in its worst form, having sores on her chest and back. Nurse Hochegger was stricken with the dread disease, and has received the last sacrament.

There have been four fatal cases at the institute. Dr. Poch, who placed the late Dr. Muller in his coffin, has become infected with the plague.

FLOODS IN MACEDONIA.

A CARAVAN DESTROYED.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

A great hailstorm, followed by torrents of rain, has taken place in Macedonia. Floods occurred, and several bridges were destroyed.

A caravan of 47 men, women, and children was engulfed in the flood waters.

LORD CHARLES BERESFORD.

SATISFIED WITH HIS MISSION.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Lord Charles Beresford, the Special Commissioner of the Associated Chambers of Commerce to China, is satisfied with the results he has already achieved at Pekin.

CHARGE OF MURDER.

A MEDICAL MAN SENTENCED TO DEATH.

LONDON Oct. 27.

Dr. John Lloyd Whitmarsh has been sentenced to death for the murder of Alice Bayly by performing an illegal operation upon her.

Dr. John Lloyd Whitmarsh is 58 years of age and for many years he practised his profession at No. 116 Brompton-road. The charge upon which he has been condemned to death was that of wilfully murdering a young woman named Alice Rebecca Bayly, by performing an illegal operation. The young woman was a buyer-in at a millinery establishment in Woolwich. After the operation she became very ill and was taken to the Charing-cross Hospital, where she died. In her dying depositions she implicated Dr. Whitmarsh, and said that she paid him £4. Dr. Whitmarsh was tried at the Old Bailey on September 20, 21, and 22, and the jury disagreed. The case was therefore set down for further trial at the October Sessions of the Criminal Court, the result being as stated above.

OLD-AGE PENSIONS.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Mr. W. J. Galloway, M.P. for Manchester, S.W., has sailed for New Zealand in order to study the effect of old-age pensions and friendly societies.

DEFECTIVE SHIPMENT OF RABBITS.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Half of the shipment of rabbits by the N. Z. Shipping Company's steamer Otarama has been found to be rotten.

THE CITIZENS' LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Mr. Hardy, ex-president of the Institute of Actuaries, has been appointed actuary of the Citizens' Life Assurance Company of Sydney.

WHEAT.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The American visible supply of wheat and flour east of the Rockies is 20,487,000 bushels.

TO-DAY.

Sydney Cricket Ground: Sydney Grammar School v. Church of England Grammar School, 1.30 p.m.
Theosophical Debating Club: Room 1, Temperance Hall, 8 p.m.
Mission to Citizens: Centenary Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Venetian Boat Concert: Steamer leaves Circular Quay 8 p.m.
Presbytery of Sydney will meet in the Chinese Church, Foster-street, 7.30 p.m.
Lecture on "Art, the Handmaid of Religion": St. James' Parish Hall, Phillip-street, 8 p.m.
Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade of N.S.W.: Special Meeting of the Members, Room No. 15, Temperance Hall, 8 p.m.
Congregational Union of New South Wales: Pitt-street Church at 11 a.m., Ladies' Auxiliary to the Home Mission, 7.30 p.m.: Sunday Schools and Christian Endeavour Societies.
Red and White Carnival, Manly, 3 to 6 p.m., 7 to 10 p.m.
Village Fair: Tivoli, Cook's River, 2.30 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Every-day London," 8 p.m.
Warren and Bristol's Variety Circus: Benevolent Society's Ground, near railway station, 8 p.m.;
Palace Theatre: Dante the Great, 8 p.m.
Alhambra, Haymarket, George-street: Minstrel and Burlesque Company, 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Mr. Harry Rickards's Company, 8 p.m.
The Cyclorama: Opposite Redfern Railway Station.
Polytechnic and Rontgen Ray Exhibition: 88 King-street.
Theatre Royal: "The Dovecote," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "Ring of Iron," 8 p.m.

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BRITAIN AND FRANCE.

FASHODA TO BE EVACUATED BY THE FRENCH.

RECOVERY ON THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

TENDERS CALLED FOR WAR SHIPS.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The British Government has invited tenders from the Clyde shipbuilders for the construction of four battleships, one first-class cruiser, and 12 torpedo destroyers. The cost is estimated at £5,000,000.

THE FRENCH CANADIANS.

SYMPATHY WITH FRANCE.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The French-Canadian newspapers exhibit a pronounced sympathy with France in regard to the Fashoda question.

A WARNING IN 1894.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Speaking at Capetown, Mr. Cecil Rhodes, declared that in 1894, when he was Premier of Cape Colony, he, with the authority of Lord Rosebery, who was then Premier of England, warned Baron de Courcel that Great Britain would fight to prevent any cutting of the British connection between North and South Africa.

THE FRENCH TO LEAVE FASHODA.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

It is semi-officially announced that Fashoda will shortly be evacuated by the French.

THE SIRDAR IN LONDON.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

The Royal Geographical Society last night extended a greeting to the Sirdar, Sir Herbert Kitchener, who recently arrived in London.

In the course of a speech Sir H. Kitchener eulogised Major Marchand.

A CALMER FEELING.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

The latest intelligence to hand shows that war preparations are being proceeded with on both sides, but the intentions are pacific.

The London Stock Exchange is steadier, and a general recovery has taken place. Consols have advanced to 108½.

ARMY RESERVE, MILITIA, AND VOLUNTEERS.

PROCLAMATIONS READY FOR ISSUE.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Proclamations summoning the army reserve, the militia, and the volunteers for active service are ready for issue.

THE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Speaking at Aberystwith, in Wales, last night, Sir William Harcourt, the leader of the Opposition, declared that it was the duty of all to support the Government in a time of an unexampled crisis.

PRAYERS DESIRED FOR PEACE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Congregational Union today Dr. Bevan referred to the strained relations between England and France, and asked that prayers be offered for divine guidance that the policy of the present hour might be a policy making for peace.

WAR RATES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Marine Underwriters' Association of Victoria reports with reference to war rates on gold and specie that "on advices received from London the committee this day adopted an extra rate for war risk of 2s 6d per cent. on gold and specie for all voyages to and from Australia. All war rates are absolutely net."

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Adelaide Underwriters' Association, acting under advice from London, is charging war rates at ¼ per cent. for steamers, and ½ per cent. for sailing vessels.

THE R.M.S. AUSTRAL.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The R.M.S. Austral, which while on her way to Sydney had to return to Suez in consequence of the loss of a blade of her propeller, has resumed her voyage.

SUICIDE OF A MILLIONAIRE.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Mr. Knowlton, an American millionaire, of Brooklyn, has committed suicide by shooting himself.

THE COOLGARDIE EXHIBITION.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

An advisory board, consisting of representatives of Western Australian interests, is actively promoting the Coolgardie Exhibition, and the success of the undertaking is assured.

HENRY BULL AND CO.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

The business of Henry Bull and Co., warehousemen, of London and Sydney, is being formed into a limited liability company, with a capital of £210,000, of which the present issue is £140,000.

SILVER.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 3 15-16d per ounce standard.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Lieutenant the Hon. E. G. Boyle, of the Rifle Brigade, son of the Earl of Glasgow, ex-Governor of New Zealand, has died at Malta, whither he was invalided from Crete.

During the westerly blow yesterday afternoon a half-decker was sighted in distress from the lookout station at the South Head. Her sails were gone, and the party aboard appeared to be in considerable peril of being blown to sea. The pilot steamer's services were requisitioned, and picked the craft up between four and five miles out, towing the yacht into Watson's Bay. The name of the yacht was not given, but she reported as belonging to Rushcutter Bay.

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POLITICAL CRISIS IN FRANCE.

RESIGNATION OF THE BRISSON GOVERNMENT.

EXTRAORDINARY SCENES IN THE STREETS.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The agitation over the Dreyfus case in Paris has resulted in a political crisis.

In the Chamber of Deputies last night M. Deroulle accused the Government of allowing the army to be insulted and of exceeding its powers in referring the Dreyfus case to the Court of Cassation.

M. Sarrien, Minister for Justice, declared that General Chanoine, the Minister for War, thrice refused to grant the request of the Ministry that proceedings should be taken against the insulters of the army.

A motion proposed by M. Ribot, affirming the supremacy of the civil over the military power, but declaring the Chamber's confidence in the army, was carried by 559 to 2.

M. Mahy brought forward a resolution directing the Government to end the campaign of insult against the army. The motion, which was opposed by the Government, was carried by a majority of 47.

M. Brisson, the Premier, thereupon resigned, and the Chamber adjourned till November 4.

The Fashoda incident was not mentioned in the Chamber during the discussion. Extraordinary scenes took place in the streets, which were thronged by excited mobs.

The crowds shouted "Down with the Jews."

[The above appeared in our second edition of yesterday.]

M. RIBOT THE PROBABLE NEW PREMIER.

A FRIEND TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

M. Alexandre Ribot, a member of the Progressist party, will probably be the new Premier. He is regarded as a good friend to England.

ACTION OF THE LATE MINISTER FOR WAR.

CONDEMNED BY PRESIDENT FAURE.

LONDON, Oct. 27.

President Faure has severely condemned General Chanoine, the late Minister for War, for his action in the Chamber of Deputies, and has declined to receive him.

The President considers that General Chanoine should have placed his resignation in the hands of the Premier instead of announcing it from the tribune in the Chamber.

M. Delcasse will, it is understood, remain at the Foreign Office.

NEWMARKET HOUGHTON MEETING.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKE.

WON BY AN AUSTRALIAN HORSE.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

The second day of the Newmarket Houghton Meeting was held to-day, when the principal event resulted as follows:—

CAMBRIDGESHIRE STAKES, a handicap of 25 sovs. each, 10 sovs. forfeit, with 500 sovs. added; 100 sovs. for the second horse, and the third to save his stake—New Cambridgeshire course (2000 yards).

Mr. H. C. White's ch m Georgie, by Clan Stuart—Mirrapore (imp.), 6 years, 7st 8lb, including 10lb penalty 1
Mr. Reid-Walker's br h Diana Forget, by Loved One—Barometer, 6 years, 8st 6lb 2
Mr. H. Bottomley's ch c Hawfinch, by Goldfinch—Chalk Hill Blue, 3 years, 7st 2lb .. 3

After covering a mile Georgic surged forward, and won easily by a length and a half. Merman was sixth, Newhaven seventh, and Survivor was in the last batch. Time, 1 minute 55 2-5 seconds.

The winner, Georgic, was bred by Mr. Robert Ross near Muswellbrook, and with her dam was purchased by her present owner, Mr. H. C. White, of Havilah. This colony secures all honours ensuing from the victory of the mare, as she was not only bred here, but her owner is a resident of the Mudgee district and a prominent Australian sportsman. Georgic, who is a full sister to Pharamond, is by the imported horse Clan Stuart from the imported mare Mirrapore, by Coltness (the sire of Merman's dam), from Mirza by Parmesan, from Bucolic by Branton. The first race in which Georgic ran was in a Nursery Handicap at Rosehill, which was won by Engineer. Her next essay was in the A.J.C. December Stakes, which she secured from Bob Ray, who subsequently won the A.J.C. Derby, and Aribi, winner of the V.R.C. Maribyrnong Plate. Georgic also finished third in the Challenge Stakes, 6 furlongs, run at the Sydney Turf Club's Anniversary Meeting, and in the A.J.C. All Aged Stakes, 1 mile, beat such good performers as Wallace, Nobleman, Ruenalf, The Admiral, and Hova. As a three-year-old Georgic ran second to Delaware in the A.J.C. Craven Plate; but she defeated a good field, which included the flying Bungebah, in the Leeholme Stakes, 6 furlongs, and followed Auraria, the Melbourne Cup winner, in the V.R.C. Oaks. Georgic was after this retired from the race track to the stud, but having missed Mr. White sent her to England along with Form in March of last year. She was placed under the care of F. W. Day at Newmarket, and was slow to become acclimatised. Although she started a number of times it was not until the Manchester September meeting was held that she struck form, appropriating the principal event—the Prince Edward Handicap. Judging from the success of both Merman and Georgic, it would appear that Australian racehorses shape best in England at the back end of the season.

NEW ZEALAND.

A SHOOTING AFFRAY.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

This afternoon a Mrs. M'William entered the refreshment-room at Kirkcaldie's establishment, Wellington, and, producing an old-fashioned revolver, fired three shots at Mrs. Dick, who was in charge of the room. The first two shots missed, but the third hit Mrs. Dick in the side. Fortunately her corsets turned the direction of the bullet, and it inflicted only a slight contusion. Mrs. M'William afterwards calmly walked down the stairs, and on being stopped by one of the assistants, said, "Yes, I did it; here's the pistol." She was then arrested on a charge of attempted murder.

The value of the gold returns from the Auckland goldfields during the month was £48,318.

The latest quotations are:—Dunedin oats, best bright short feed and milling, 2s 0½d to 2s 1½d; medium to good, 1s 9½d to 2s 0½d; inferior, 1s 5½d to 1s 8½d.

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QUEENSLAND.

THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE DEPUTY-GOVERNORSHIP.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Public interest, aroused by yesterday's development in connection with the trial of the case against the ex-directors of the Queensland National Bank, was shown by the crowded state of the courtroom this morning. There was much expectation when the Chief Justice took his seat at 10 o'clock. Sir S. W. Griffith immediately made a statement. He said he had expressed yesterday the view he felt compelled to take in connection with the action of the Government in advising the appointment of the President of the Legislative Council as Deputy-Governor, instead of the Chief Justice. He had felt it his duty, in order to prevent a possible scandal, to make the Government acquainted with the views he took of their action, and also that such action would necessarily lead to the suspension of the present trials. He thought it only right to take notice of the Premier's disclaimer in the House yesterday, and in the public press, that no affront to himself or the Bench was intended. Sir Samuel then proceeded to explain how the duties of Deputy-Governor were of a purely formal nature when the Governor was only absent in another colony and within reach of communication; that the then Deputy-Governor was merely brought in contact with Ministers to the extent of signing documents and perhaps entering the Executive Council Chamber, exchanging salutations, and then retiring. It did not occur to him that such limited contact would be unseemly or improper on his part, seeing that he was the presiding Judge in the present trials, and the prosecution had emanated from the Crown. Yet this was, to his mind, clearly implied in the opinion stated by the Premier to the Governor, that it would be better for the Chief Justice not to assume the duties of Deputy-Governor during his absence in Melbourne. The only intelligible premises in support of such contention were that the reputation of the Bench for impartiality and the administration of justice was possibly imperilled by such contact. If his reputation, or that of any other Judge, for impartiality was so fragile that he was not able to be trusted to speak to a Minister in a Crown case, then he was certainly not fit to occupy the position of Chief Justice. This was the only logical conclusion able to be drawn. As stated yesterday he would treat the present case as an ordinary one. If he refused to continue the trial, he felt he would be allowing one of the parties in the case to interfere with the regular administration of justice by controlling and determining, in fact, who should be Judge in this particular case. He could not feel that public confidence in the impartial administration of justice would be impaired by his continuing to preside, and therefore, under the circumstances, he would proceed with the case. Sir S. W. Griffith also added that he had received a letter in the handwriting of the Premier, but had not opened it.

The letter was to the effect that Sir Samuel Griffith was entirely wrong in supposing that the Government deliberately placed an insult and affront upon him; on the contrary, the members of the Government had the highest regard and esteem for the Chief Justice, and recognised his great abilities. To put a deliberate affront upon him would recoil in a disastrous manner upon any Government doing so. He (Mr. Dickson) assured him that the objections to his occupancy of the Deputy-Governorship were solely taken on public grounds. He trusted the matter would now close, but if Sir Samuel Griffith, in his judgment, intended to pursue the subject further, he hoped he would divest it of anything like personal feeling of the members of the Government directed against either himself or his high position.

Sir William Macgregor left for Sydney by mail train this morning. After spending a short time in Sydney, and having an interview with Mr. Reid, Sir William Macgregor proceeds to Melbourne, where early next month he will go on board the Messageries Company's steamer Ville de la Ciotat to join his family in Switzerland.

The barque Alliance, which has just arrived from Glasgow, left that port on July 9 and crossed the line on August 9. Thence to the Cape and the whole way down the easting she had encountered heavy weather, particularly on August 24 and September 3, when heavy seas carried away some sails and caused slight straining. The Alliance brings a general cargo.

From the Childers district, near Maryborough, it is reported that cane fires have been frequent. During the week five have occurred in four days. Present indications are that the total quantity of cane crushed this season will exceed a quarter of a million tons, and in every direction new land is being taken up for the cultivation of cane.

Oppressively hot weather has been experienced in Brisbane during the past few days, but the nights have been cool. The shade temperature was 99° to-day. This is the hottest weather experienced in October for a considerable number of years.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

AMERICA AND HER CONQUESTS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Consular Agent for the United States, Mr. C. A. Murphy, has received the first intimation issued by his Government with reference to the assumption of authority over the conquered provinces of Spain. It is in the form of a circular despatch from the Department of State at Washington, authorising him to issue bills of health and certify invoices from Santiago, Ponce, Manila, or other ports in the actual possession of the United States. Mr. Murphy was also informed that copies of the special tariffs of Cuba, Porto Rico, and the Philippines, had been posted to him.

RAINS IN THE AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS.

The thunderstorm which broke over Adelaide on Wednesday night found its way well into the country, and reports received to-day show that rain fell at a good many points in the agricultural districts. In order to bring about anything like a general recovery a much heavier downpour is required. The most gratifying report which has yet come to hand is from Georgetown, the centre of one of the best wheat-growing districts in the middle North, stating that at 5 o'clock this afternoon heavy rain set in, with a fair promise of continuance. This will greatly benefit the crops in that district, and if the showers have been general very fair results ought now to be assured in the middle North.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

Mr. William M'Dougall, owner of the schooner Annie M'Dougall, recently stranded at Macquarie Heads, while working at getting her afloat, got one leg broken to-day. He was brought to Strahan for surgical treatment. There is a likelihood of the vessel soon being afloat.

The Rev. James Blaikie, of Hobart, has been elected president of the Tasmanian Christian Endeavour.

THE ALAMEDA AT AUCKLAND.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

The R.M.S. Alameda arrived to-day from San Francisco. The following are the passengers for Sydney:—

Mr. A. Astley, Hon. Henry Boyle, Mrs. A. M. Jones and child, Mrs. T. R. Beaumont two daughters and son, Mr. and Mrs. W. Emanuel, Mr. W. Royal, Mr. W. J. Whyte, Mr. W. A. Board, Mrs. J. E. Chinnery, Messrs. James Durkin, J. W. Paster, G. V. Henrie, G. R. Johnson, Mrs. E. Love, Mrs. Dr. Ray, Miss Ray, and 34 in the second class.

NIGHT REFUGE, WILLIAM-STREET.

Last evening a "Continental" was held in aid of the funds of the William-street Night Refuge. A steamer left Circular Quay for Correy's Gardens, Cabarita, shortly after 7 p.m. There were a large number of persons on board. A concert was held in the large hall, and a good programme was carried out, under the direction of Mr. Fred. Leston, after which dancing was indulged. Mrs. C. E. R. Murray was president of the executive committee, with Mrs. M. Mahoney and Miss M. Lawler joint hon. secretaries, and Mrs. W. J. Hickey and Mrs. M'Lennon joint hon. treasurers.

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VICTORIA.

THE VALUE OF MINING BORES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A somewhat serious allegation against the bores put down by the Mining Department was made to-day at the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the Carligan Proprietary Company. It was stated that the diamond drill bore was reported to have bottomed on 3ft. 11in. of wash carrying gold. On this result the company was floated, and £18,000 was spent, but when the spot was reached neither gold nor wash was found there. The mining manager, and Mr. R. Allen, mining surveyor, had made surveys, and agreed that the company had reached the site of the bore. Some shareholders at the meeting thought the Government should, in recompence, bore further the ground for the company, or give substantial aid from the Mines Development Fund to assist the company. Others, however, thought the company should not seek to be spoon-fed, but should now test the western ground, as the eastern ground had been proved valueless so far as it had been opened up. It is understood that the department will not admit any incorrectness in the drill records till the bore hole has been found and identified.

The Thermopylæ, which arrived to-day from London, had on the whole a fair-weather voyage. On the 16th instant, however, she encountered a gale of hurricane strength, and for about 12 hours the ship's officers had a trying time.

The action of the University Council in reference to the Ormond Professor of Music is not to be allowed to pass unchallenged by one at least of the important denominational bodies. At a meeting of the council of the Congregational Union to-day, Mr. George Bell, the president elect, gave informal notice that he would at a suitable time ask the council to discuss the matter.

A determined effort was made last night to burn down a house at Kew in which two persons were sleeping. The investigations of the police led to the arrest to-day of a man, aged 69, on a charge of arson.

Thieves paid a visit last night to Dorgan Brothers' clothing factory at Carlton, and stole property valued at £60, which was carried off in a cart belonging to the firm.

The weather in Melbourne to-day was showery. Welcome rains are reported from the country districts.

At the wool sales to-day a large and representative catalogue was brought forward by the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, who offered 4380 bales, of which 4113 were sold. The catalogue evoked very animated competition, and the sale passed off with great spirit from start to finish.

Messrs. Powers, Rutherford, and Co. offered for sale by auction to-day the Wanton Vale estate in the western district of Victoria, and the Burra estate in New South Wales. No offer was made in either case.

AUSTRALIAN PARLIAMENTS.

VICTORIA.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Legislative Assembly to-day, on the motion for going into Committee of Supply, Mr. Maloney moved,—"That in the opinion of this House the question of old-aged pensions deserves the earliest attention of Parliament, and that the question ought to be dealt with before the House rises for the recess." He instanced a number of cases of old people being sent to gaol for no crime but poverty, and commented on the large amount paid in pensions in Victoria, stating that the pensions, allowances, and annuities totalled £353,895, whilst in New South Wales the amount was only £118,645. Other members urged the Government to give effect by legislation to the recommendation of the Commission, which recently inquired into the subject. The Premier, in replying, claimed that ample provision had been made to prevent deserving people from being sent to gaol. He characterised the motion as a slur on the Government, and unjustifiable. He pointed out that the commission was not unanimous in its proposals. He thought it should have shown how the money was to be got. The matter was a most complex one. New Zealand, having a surplus, had been able to provide for old age pensions; but as soon as Victoria got a surplus immediate demands were made for a reduction of the fiscal burdens. The Government would consider the matter during the recess. He remarked that there would be great objections to any scheme which would be brought forward. Mr. Gillies referred to the diversities of opinion existing in England as to the most appropriate method of relieving destitute aged people. He contended that the real aims should be to provide employment for all able to work instead of making small doles of money to them. He condemned the way in which the matter had been brought before the House, as it was talking to the gallery. In the discussion which followed Mr. Maloney was greatly commended for the action he had taken, and the necessity for remedial measures was recognised. It was suggested by Mr. Higgins that the motion should be modified by providing for action during next session. The Premier declared, with considerable feeling, that if his promise was not accepted, he would accept of no amendment. Mr. Deakin, adopting a conciliatory attitude, urged that destitute people should no longer be sent to gaol. The Premier said he had done everything which a man could do to prevent this, and he would continue to do it. Some confusion was apparent as to the extent of the promise which the Premier had made, and he stated that it was intended to introduce a measure next session. Mr. Maloney then withdrew his amendment. The House rose at 9.40 p.m.

QUEENSLAND.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

In the Assembly to-day the afternoon was occupied in debating a private member's motion for the immediate presentation of plans, &c., of the Bowen railway extension to the Northern line. The debate was again adjourned. The second reading of the Mining Bill was passed on the voices. The House rose at 10.30 p.m.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

In the Assembly the Married Women's Property Amendment Bill and the Land Value Assessment Bill were read the third time. The Law Reform Bill was read the second time. Mr. Kingston attacked the University for petitioning in connection with the educational standard of the profession. He regretted the University's appearance in the political arena, and stated that the selection of law professors from outside the colonies was a grave reflection on the local Bar. Mr. Blacker introduced a bill to confine the issue of hawkers' licenses to aliens to the Treasurer, who must be satisfied that they had good knowledge of English, and had been in the colony two years. Mr. Hourigan introduced a bill to provide brands for cattle and horses so as not to injure the hides.

In the Legislative Council the Children's Protection Bill was read the third time. The Chief Secretary moved the second reading of the Crown Lands Bill. The debate was adjourned.

NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Government has introduced a bill providing for the compensation of owners in respect of stock destroyed in the interests of public health.

In the Legislative Council the Reform Bill has been discharged from the Council's Order Paper on the motion of the Minister for Education. In the course of the discussion the Minister said that though nominated membership was faulty in theory it would be a mistake to make the second chamber elective. The general feeling among members appeared to be against the system of seven years' tenure of office now in operation, most members preferring either life membership or making the Council an elective body.

The debate is proceeding in connection with the Mining Bill on a motion debarring Ministers of the Crown from holding paid positions on mining syndicates.

THE SITUATION AT SAMOA.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

News from Samoa states that the natives held a meeting on the 13th instant to discuss the question of the kingship. A number of conciliatory speeches were delivered, but no candidate was named, nor was any decision arrived at.

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QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK.

TRIAL OF THE LATE DIRECTORS.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The trial of the late directors of the Queensland National Bank was continued to-day. Mr. G. H. Pritchard, manager of the Townsville branch of the Queensland National Bank, formerly general accountant, continued his evidence. He explained how the information was forwarded from the branches for the preparation of the half-yearly balance-sheets. After the first statement of totals had been detailed a statement was sent showing people's overdrafts, what amounts were sent to interest suspense and the interest received. The latter was dealt with primarily by the manager of the branch in his discretion, and special cases he would refer to the general manager. The second statement was given in after the general manager had had an opportunity of expressing his views on the matter. These statements were kept as the bank's record. The half-yearly balance-sheet was compiled under the direction of the general manager. Witness had to supervise its compilation. The difference between the balance-book and the balance-sheet was, that the latter contained the final making up of the figures, while the balance book contained matter showing how these figures were made up. The latter contained the abstract of profit and loss of the head office and branches. Each was given in such a manner that the figures of each place could be taken out at a glance. It also contained an analysis of the profit and loss, the total advances at the head office and branches, and also the original balance-sheet signed by the auditors. The abstract showed the net result of operations for each half-year. The analysis showed various items of the profit and loss account. The interest received was kept in a separate ledger. This was used for making up the profit. The interest in suspense account was kept both in the general ledger and the detail ledger. In any case where interest was placed to interest suspense, it was done where it was considered it could justifiably be included in profits. (The Crown then produced some of the pamphlets it had been the custom of the bank to issue). Witness recognised one as a fac-simile of a pamphlet sent to shareholders on the colonial and London registers. When the Crown Prosecutor formally tendered the pamphlet counsel for the defendant Hart objected on the ground that there was no proof that the pamphlet was issued by the defendants; but after argument the pamphlet was admitted by the Chief Justice, because it purported to be a copy of a report issued. A further pamphlet containing the balance-sheet and the report for the half-year ended December 31, 1889, together with a printed copy of the half-yearly meeting, was then tendered, and was again objected to on the same grounds. It was, however, admitted and read. Then various pamphlets connected with the issue of balance-sheets were submitted, all of which were objected to by counsel for each of the defendants. Eventually the Chief Justice stated that he did not consider the evidence would prejudice any of the defendants, and its admission at this stage would greatly facilitate business and possibly do no harm. During the proceedings the directors' and shareholders' minute-books were also tendered subject to objections by counsel on technical grounds, which were overruled.

When the Court adjourned Mr. Pritchard's evidence was not concluded.

ARRIVAL OF LORD LAMINGTON.

THE PROSPERITY OF QUEENSLAND.

Amongst the arrivals at Government House yesterday were Lord and Lady Lamington. They arrived by the Brisbane express train, and left subsequently by special train for Melbourne, where they will be the guests of Lord and Lady Brassey during the Melbourne Cup carnival. In the course of an interview a representative of the "Herald" had with Lord Lamington he spoke in cheering tones of the prosperity of the great northern colony. "It is apparent in almost every branch of industry," remarked his Excellency, "that there is a gratifying tendency towards prosperity on sound and sure lines. It is not a fictitious prosperity. It is not like the prosperity of a former boom period. It is not a prosperity built up solely on borrowed capital. On the contrary, the general signs of prosperity are accompanied by a marked development of the natural resources of the colony. So far as I can learn from reliable sources of information the mining prospects of the colony are improving.

"Recent developments on the Gympie goldfield have been of a gratifying character, as is shown by the large yields of gold obtained, and from all I can gather the future prospects of that field are of an encouraging nature. Though I have no exceptional sources of information regarding the Chillago copper field, what I have gleaned leads to the belief that the copper deposits of that field extend over a wide area, and that they are likely to be thoroughly tested; but what will be the future of the field—whether it will become a great copper-producer—must depend upon the exploratory work of the miner.

"As to the great pastoral industry of Queensland, it is quite apparent that it has improved a good deal. In some of the districts last year the pastoralists had an excellent season. It is true the tick disease has had a damaging effect upon the pastoral and grazing industry, especially in those districts which happen to be within the quarantined area, but the pastoralists having set themselves resolutely to work to combat the ravages of the tick by means of inoculating their herds have succeeded in getting the upper hand of the contagion; and though its complete eradication may be the work of years, yet it is satisfactory to know that the practical tests of the efficacy of inoculation show that as long as those preventive measures are carried out it is possible to keep the contagion within reasonable bounds. Experience of the contagion in Queensland shows that the delimitation of arbitrary quarantine boundaries will not prevent the disease spreading. The germ of the disease, it has been ascertained, can be, and doubtless is, carried from one part of the country to another by birds, kangaroos, and, indeed, by any species of wild or tame animals. Under these circumstances it would appear that the only safety to the pastoralist and grazier who seeks to preserve the health of his herds lies in rendering them tick immune by means of inoculation."

On the subject of federation Lord Lamington remarked: "It is not for me, occupying the position I do, to express an opinion as to the views of the Queensland Government in regard to the possibility of Queensland coming into the Australian Union. That is a matter on which Ministers alone should speak; but, so far as I am personally concerned, I sincerely hope federation will be consummated. I have no doubt that it will be accomplished in due course, and the only question that remains to be decided is the form of federation that will meet with the approval of the people of all the colonies."

A CASE OF TYPHOID.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.

At a meeting of the local municipal council held in the council-chambers on Tuesday, the Mayor (Alderman Moreshead) in the chair, the inspector under the provisions of the Public Health Act reported a case of typhoid, the victim being a child residing with its parents in one of the buildings, known as "The Cottages," and recommended that owing to the insanitary condition of the premises, and the various tenants not being in position to make the alterations prescribed by the council's by-laws, the provisions of the Public Health Act be brought into requisition and enforced in order to prevent a further outbreak of disease. The council unanimously resolved,—"That the report be adopted, together with the suggestion contained therein," and the Mayor was empowered to enforce the provisions of the Public Health Act, even to taking the necessary steps towards the demolition of the buildings should such a course of action be considered advisable.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

The following are the stock movements for this district for the week:—5190 sheep, Werai to Echuca; 370 sheep, Puckawidgee to Freezing Works; 6000 sheep, Hay district to Mathoura; 2040 sheep, Tuppal to Newmarket; 1485 sheep, Edgarlee to Millears' Stud Park; 376 sheep, Gunn's to Freezing Works; 255 sheep, Mitchilhill to Freezing Works; 292 sheep, Sinclair's to Melbourne; 3000 sheep, Tuppal to Oddy's, Deniliquin; 2017 sheep, Willurah to Melbourne; 18 bullocks, Eureka to C. Young's; 2730 sheep, Claughton's, Hay to Moama; 54 horses, Pearson's, to Bendigo; 206 sheep, Rochfort's, to Melbourne; 169 calves, to Melbourne; 3000 sheep, Naughton's, Hartwood to Barham; 634 sheep, Mathoura to Melbourne; 3568 sheep, Hay district to Narrangi Park; 21 cattle, Warbreccan to Melbourne; 43 bullocks, Richetson's to Melbourne; 5180 ewes, Yanko to Freezing Works; 40 bullocks, Gulpa Island to Melbourne; 2040 sheep, Carcoonboon to Melbourne.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.

Stock movement to-day:—10,000 sheep, Gogeldrie station, destination Yarrangobilly, Waugh, Stanbridge, and Waugh owners. Coming forward: 2000 sheep, Bland to Kiandra, H. Pearse owner.

MOREE, Thursday.

Stock passings: 3000 ewes and lambs, Keytah to Armidale, O'Brien Brothers owners; 1000 ewes and lambs, Inglewood Forest to Baraksa, Winter owner; 2500 mixed sheep, Forest Home to Inverell, John Alexander owner; 3000 ewes, Dungalear to Stoney Creek, Stirton Brothers; 2000 mixed sheep, Gnaribine to Armidale, D. Strang owner; 10,000 ewes, Welbon to Dubbo, Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company owners; 4800 wethers, Welbondongah to Stoney Creek, Stirton Brothers owners.

THE WEATHER.

ANOTHER SPLENDID RAINFALL.

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UP TO THREE-QUARTERS OF AN INCH ON THE DARLING.

A HURRICANE IN THE COUNTRY.

A fall of rain even superior to that of last week is disclosed by the weather telegrams which reached Sydney yesterday from the country. In the last rainfall the lower Darling was excluded from the wet area—indeed one-third of the colony, and that the western third, scarcely received anything. Much of the wheat country was saved last week. Now the pastoral areas are included in the welcome change, though as yet the quantity cannot be considered by any means to amount to a complete break up of the drought conditions. Analysing the measurements sent in it is seen that, commencing in the farthest west, Broken Hill reports a quarter of an inch, and about a similar quantity fell generally west of the Darling. On the Darling, from Wentworth at the junction with the Murray northward, Pooncarie and Menindie had just under half an inch; Wilcannia just over ½in. North from there along to Walgett it became lighter, ranging from a third to a quarter of an inch. It was better south in the dry country from Nyngan, where 80 points fell, down to Hillston, where over an inch fell, and westward through Willandra, Mossgiel, and Mossrusyah, to the Darling. Along that stretch of parched country they report three-quarters of an inch. The whole of the Riverina country was favoured by a grand rain, up to an inch, and over at Narrandera. It was raining at Hay, Deniliquin, Jerilderie, Urana, and Wagga Wagga, and generally between the rivers when the reports were telegraphed through, so that many additions are to be allowed for to the figures given in the meteorological rainfall returns published in another column. Speaking generally it was still raining over the whole of the Central Division of the colony when the measurements were wired through from the various stations, and over much of the coastal area. An exception will probably have to be made in the case of the northern parts of the central and coastal parts of the colony, the northern highlands and western slopes, and on the northern rivers—north from Armidale on the highlands, and from the Manning River to the Tweed on the coast. There was a narrow coastal strip to the south of Sydney, about Wollongong, Shoalhaven, down to Ulladulla which appears not to have participated. The parts, however, which have failed to report receiving showers are not within the drought area.

Locally the day was warm and thundery, with an occasional smart shower.

A HURRICANE IN THE ALBURY DISTRICT.

A hurricane occurred yesterday at Jugiong, in the Albury district. A telegram to the police department stated that the lockup and courthouse were wrecked, and that not a building in the town had escaped.

INTERVIEW WITH MR. RUSSELL.

The Government Astronomer last night speaking of the change said:—

"It was raining at Tibbooburra and Milparinka in the extreme north-west of the colony on Wednesday night, and the rain spread over the whole of the western and southern districts, but not on the Liverpool Plains and in the coastal districts north of Newcastle and the coast south of Sydney. At 9 a.m. it was still raining over the northern slopes as far as Armidale and Moree, and extended out into Riverina as far as Hay. But the strong wind which blew during the day dried it up, and at 3 p.m. very few stations reported rain.

"As compared with last week's rainfall nearly the whole of the Darling country then missed the rain, while the fall of yesterday differed in that it covered the whole of the Darling country with from a quarter to three-quarters of an inch.

"This is the best rain they have had there for several months. In the eastern parts the fall was in quantity somewhat similar to the rainfall of the previous week. The heaviest part of it has been over the western slopes, or wheat-growing country. The rain which has fallen in the western districts will be useful, but it has not been heavy enough to fill the tanks, except in a few places where the country is hilly. It would, however, cause a spring in the grass. These two rains have entirely altered the aspect of the season," said Mr. Russell, "and they point to further rains in the near future."

THE WEATHER IN THE CITY.

The morning started with the wind from N.W. About a quarter to 1 p.m. it chopped into S.W. and increased to a 30-mile force for half an hour afterwards, gradually moderating. It then came from S.W. light for the remainder of the afternoon. At night it shifted to N. with a clear sky. A smart shower fell about 1 o'clock amounting to 6 points. The dust was very bad in the city. With the change of wind the barometers rose very rapidly and the rain ceased, the clouds vanishing into the Tasman Sea.

ARMIDALE, Thursday.

High hot winds have been blowing throughout the week, and are parching everything up. A light shower fell this morning, but more rain is badly needed for the crops.

BEGA, Thursday.

Forty-four points of rain fell to-day.

BERRIGAN, Thursday.

Splendid rain commenced last night, continuing till 10 to-day. Seventy points were registered.

BOMBALA, Thursday.

During the week splendid falls of rain have occurred. Relief is felt by stockowners, dairymen, and farmers throughout the Monaro district. Heavy rain commenced early this morning, continuing all day, and 60 points had fallen up to 1 o'clock.

BOURKE, Thursday.

Twenty-three points of rain were registered here this morning, but now all traces of rain have entirely disappeared. Other reports are as follows:—Louth, 34 points; Tilpa, 35; White Cliffs, 37; Gongolgon, 25; Walgett, 15; Brewarrina, 15; Goodooga, 3; Byrock, 32; Girilambone, 29; Coolabah, 26; Great Hut, 11; Wanaaring, 25; Milparinka, 28; Tibooburra, 12; Wilcannia, 78.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

Last night a thunderstorm, accompanied by vivid lightning, passed over Broken Hill. Rain fell, and 24 points were registered. Tarrawingee reports 42 points, Tibooburra 12, Enrowie 23.

CANDELO, Thursday.

Nice steady showers of rain fell here to-day, 67 points being registered. This fall will prove most beneficial to the country after the recent heavy winds. It is now fine and clear.

CARCOAR, Thursday.

Refreshing showers of rain fell here at intervals during last night. A boisterous high wind prevailed. Eight points were recorded this morning, and several showers fell since, with every promise of more.

CASSILIS, Thursday.

Splendid rain has fallen to-day, 40 points being registered.

COOLAMON, Thursday.

A grand rain commenced to fall about 5 o'clock this morning, coming from the north-west. It continued till 9, when 95 points were recorded. Light showers have fallen at intervals to-day. This rain coming upon the recent fall will do an immense amount of good. The following reports are from the surrounding stations, each stating that there has been a magnificent fall out back, and the tanks are considerably replenished:—Murrell Creek, 145 points; Cowabee, 130; Uley, 150; Ellerslee, 190; Wallaroobie, 162; Mimosa West, 160; Pine Grove, 125; Valleyfield, 123; Ariah, 180; Marrar, 90; Quondong, 105; Kindra, 96; Government tank, 97; Tooyal, 104; Grong Grong, 100; Ganmain, 104.

COOMA, Thursday.

Heavy rain fell this morning, registering 66 points. Since then strong westerly winds have been blowing.

COOTAMUNDRA, Thursday.

Good soaking rain fell, a little over an inch in town and 1½in. at Salt Clay Creek. All the creeks are running, and water is flowing into the new gravitation dam from the immediate catchment and pipeheads.

COROWA, Thursday.

The drought is apparently broken up. Eighty-one points of soaking rain fell throughout last night and this morning. There is a fair supply of water in the tanks for the summer months. The fall appears to be general, Daysdale, Bull Plain, and Collendina reporting 1in.

CORAKI, Thursday.

A westerly gale occurred to-day with a high temperature and a rapidly falling barometer. A change is threatening. The pastures, crops, and vegetation are suffering, and rain is wanted.

COWRA, Thursday.

Some good showers fell again this forenoon, which will further the crops and pastures.

DANDALOO, Thursday.

Seventy-two points of rain have fallen. It is still showery.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

Last night a violent wind storm, accompanied by blinding dust, raged for over an hour; afterwards followed by steady rain, which continued till morning, recording 48 points. The fall was general throughout the district, registering 50 points at Conargo, 42 at Jerilderie, 48 at Hay, 65 at Finley, 58 at Berrigan, 60 at Tocumwal, 53 at Moulamein, 32 at Balranald, 58 at Euston, 43 at Wentworth, 125 at Gundagai, 140 at Albury, and 125 at Howlong.

DUBBO, Thursday.

Splendid rain fell last night and this morning, 120 points were recorded. Other reports are:—Trangie, 95; Narromine, 81; Nevertire, 77; Gilgandra, 43; Gulargambone, 41; Hillston, 114; Girilambone, 29; Cannonbar, 25; Nyngan, 54; Casilis, 43; Coolah, 45; Coonabarabra, 51; Merriwa, 37; Brewarrina, 5; Gongolgon, 35.

FINLEY, Thursday.

A heavy dust storm occurred here yesterday evening, followed by 65 points of rain. Steinwedel wheat still is looking well, despite the recent hot winds.

GOODOOGA, Thursday.

Rain threatened all day yesterday, but only a few points fell. Dirranbandi also reports no rain. The rise in the river has not reached here. The river is very low and the water very bad. If the Fingerpost bore were turned into the creek it would keep it running. Grass and water are very scarce and sheep are getting bogged in the river.

GERMANTON, Thursday.

Rain commenced at 6 this morning, and continued for some hours, registering 95 points. It has now cleared off, but much good will result. The grass &

splendid, and will continue to grow for some weeks, which ensures a good spring. Stock are in good condition, and large numbers are travelling through from the plains to the mountains in search of grass.
Shearing is delayed for a few days, but the clip is quite up to expectation, and the wool is in good condition.

GOULBURN, Thursday.
A few nice showers fell to-day.

GRAFTON, Thursday.
Dry, hot, westerly winds prevailed during the day, at times reaching the violence of a gale and enveloping the city in clouds of blinding dust.

GULGONG, Thursday.
Steady rain fell last night from the south-west, and there were sharp showers this morning until noon. One hundred and forty-two points were recorded.

GUNDAGAI, Thursday.
Heavy rain set in about 7 this morning, and by 9 o'clock 125 points were recorded. The weather is still unsettled.

HILLSTON, Thursday.
Steady rain set in at 3 o'clock this morning, and 114 points were registered. Unfortunately it is too late for most of the crops.

HAY, Thursday.
A terrible duststorm occurred yesterday with thunder at night, when rain fell. Hay had 43 points; Darlington Point, 59; Carrathool, 64; Ivanhoe, 79; Balranald, 32; Hillston, 114; Jerilderie, 42; Whitton, 70; Maude, 60; Moulamein, 53; Euston, 58; Pooncarie, 70; Booligal, 40; Urana, 52; Conargo, 50; and Mossgiel, 70.

KIAMA, Thursday.
The weather to-day has been very trying, a strong westerly parching wind blowing throughout the day.

LITHGOW, Thursday.
Several excellent soaking showers fell last night and to-day.

MILLTHORPE, Thursday.
Heavy showers have fallen at intervals during the last 24 hours, registering nearly an inch since last week's rain.

MITTAGONG, Thursday.
A high wind has been blowing all day. Several smart showers of rain have fallen.

MOLONG, Thursday.
The weather underwent another change yesterday afternoon, when welcome showers fell, continuing at intervals all night and this morning. Seventy-six points were registered. This fall following the rains of last week will crown the crops of this district, which at present are looking exceedingly well in parts. In various localities the rain has arrived too late, and the crops are being cut for hay or the stock are being turned upon them.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.
To-day the weather has been very boisterous and cold, a strong westerly wind blowing nearly all day, with a few sharp showers during the morning.

MUDGEE, Thursday.
Heavy rain fell last night and to-day, registering 1·9in.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.
A heavy windstorm occurred this morning, during which several roofs were dislodged. Forty-five points of rain were recorded.

MUSWELLBROOK, Thursday.
Yesterday the heat was sweltering throughout, but a change took place towards evening, and this morning rain began to fall lightly, 30 points having been registered at 9 o'clock. This afternoon a violent rain storm passed over the town, 65 points falling in half an hour.

NARRANDERA, Thursday.
Boisterous weather was experienced here from early morning till midday. The wind had all the force of a hurricane, and the rain at times was exceedingly heavy. 98 points were registered.

OBERON, Thursday.
A thunderstorm passed over this forenoon: 46 points of rain fell.

PAMBULA, Thursday.
Splendid rain commenced falling again this morning, registering over half an inch in a few hours, and showers continued at intervals throughout the day. The crops and grass, which have been nearly wholly destroyed owing to the drought, are already showing great signs of improvement.

PATERSON, Thursday.
A terrible thunderstorm, accompanied by wind and sharp lightning, passed over here this afternoon. Rain fell for about half an hour, during which 45 points were registered. During the storm part of Mr. John Keppie's blacksmith's shop was blown down, the roof being entirely carried away.
A severe case of heat-apoplexy occurred at Vacy yesterday, the victim being a youth named John Reinhardt, who is at present in a critical condition.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.
An inch and a half of rain fell to-day. It was much greater in the surrounding neighbourhood.

RYLSTONE, Thursday.
Splendid rain set in yesterday, a total of 161 points falling. This, with last week's fall, totals over 4in.

TEMORA, Thursday.
Heavy showers fell this morning, 114 points being registered. It is now fine.

TRANGIE, Thursday.
Good soaking rain fell throughout the night, registering 115 points. It has now cleared.

WALGETT, Thursday.
Showers fell during the night and early this morning, but not sufficient to do any good. The rainfall here was 15 points; Come-by-Chance, 25; Carinda, 17; Brewarrina, 15.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.
Good steady heavy rain fell throughout last night and the greater portion of to-day. 115 points were registered at 9 o'clock this morning, and the total fall reached 1·73 inches.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.
There has been an agreeable change in the weather: 30 points of rain fell to-day.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.
General rain has fallen over this district, averaging 40 points; 78 points fell here last night. It is still cloudy and threatening. At Narvilco 2 inches fell last Monday. Onepah had 1 inch, Yanko 1½ inch, Connulpie 1 inch, and Mount Wood 1 inch.

AMUSEMENTS.

THE KNIGHT-FERRAR COMPANY.

Miss Ada Ferrar and nearly all the members of Messrs. Williamson and Musgrove's dramatic company arrived in Sydney by yesterday's express, the chief exceptions being Mr. Julius Knight and Mr. Cecil Ward, who are due here this morning. The final rehearsal of "Under the Red Robe" will take place to-day in anticipation of to-morrow's production at Her Majesty's Theatre, for which many seats have been already reserved.

THEATRICAL LAST NIGHTS.

This evening the final performance will be given of "The Dovecote," a clever French comedy, in which Miss Pattie Browne is seen to advantage as the jealous wife. The vivacious actress will make her farewell appearances as Babbie in "The Little Minister," which will be revived to-morrow evening.
At the Lyceum Theatre "A Ring of Iron" will be performed for the last time to-night, as to-morrow J. W. Whitbread's five-act drama "Lured to Ruin" will be produced.

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

One of the most interesting pieces performed at the Town Hall last night was Dubois' "Toccata in G," played with extraordinary rapidity and clearness by the City Organist. That portion of the Toccata in which the swell and choir organs were employed was singularly sweet, and, as already noted, Mr. Wiegand played the malto allegro movement most brilliantly. Bach's marvellous "Toccata and Fugue in D minor," Haydn's tender "Largo Cantabile in G" (symphony No. 5), and Rink's "Flute Concerto for Organ" were included in the first part of the programme; whilst in the second, Batiste's "Grand Offertory, St. Cecilia in F minor," and a fantasia on "Massaniello" were conspicuous.

MRS. ALLAN'S DANCING CLASSES.

Mrs. Allan's "Last Lesson of the Season," to quote the programme, was on a very elaborate scale last night, a fact for which visitors were so well prepared that they crowded into Her Majesty's Theatre until there was not a vacant seat in any portion of the auditorium. Not only has Mrs. Allan an unusual number of talented young pupils at her command, but she evidently has a special gift for organisation, so that a cleverly varied programme of 34 items was rapidly placed before the audience. Where all was so well done, it is impossible to point to the best numbers, but still allusion may fairly be made to "The Dream." Here a little girl lulled her dolly to sleep and dozed off herself, whilst the curtain behind her rose so that the audience might see her dream-vision. This consisted of three groups of girls, three in each group, dressed in pink, who assumed beneath the limelight attitudes in the style of poses plastiques against a black background. The changes were gracefully made and the spectacle pretty. The hornpipe danced by eight young people (four girls and four boys) was most neatly footed; every step was well done from first to last. An "Old Ladies' Cotillion," in which little girls in blue and white were disguised as old crones, a "Student's" slow measure, in which 16 girls in black and white holding scarlet books in their hands, cleverly achieved a dance in character, highland fling, skipping-rope dance, and many other numbers excited the hearty applause of the audience. Mr. S. White conducted the orchestra.

CONCERT AT ASHFIELD.

A large muster of the pupils of Mr. Albert Fisher and Miss Edward Deane gave an enjoyable concert in the Ashfield Hall on Wednesday night. The proceeds were in aid of the Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital.

COUNTRY QUARTER SESSIONS.

GUNNEDAH, Thursday.
The Quarter Sessions were held to-day before Judge Gibson. Mr. Bevan was Crown Prosecutor. William Paul Ison, 16 years, pleaded guilty to cattle stealing, and was sentenced to 18 months, the sentence to be suspended under the First Offenders Act. For assault and robbery in company Patrick Moody was sentenced to two years, and John Moloney to three years. The case against James Stokes, charged with assault, was postponed till next session. A charge of breaking and entering against Henry Owen broke down, and he was discharged. Edward Craven, charged with causing bodily harm, was acquitted, and on leaving the court he was re-arrested on a charge of furious riding.

NEWCASTLE.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CARNIVAL.

VISIT OF THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.
The fourth annual sports carnival under the auspices of the Newcastle District Public Schools' Athletic Association was held at the Newcastle Racecourse to-day, when an interesting programme consisting of no less than 37 items was presented. Several heavy showers fell during the day, and interfered to some extent with the success of the undertaking. Nevertheless, there was an attendance of fully 6000 children and between 4000 and 5000 adults. It was found necessary to postpone the proceedings for a time, but the weather cleared sufficiently during the afternoon to allow the programme to be completed.
The Minister for Education, the Hon. J. A. Hogue, accompanied by Mrs. Hogue, Mr. Bridges (Chief Inspector of Public Schools), Mrs. Bridges, and Mrs. Neild, arrived in Newcastle by the midday train from Sydney. The party was met on the railway station by the Mayor of Newcastle (Alderman W. L. Kidd), Mr. C. O. Flashman (district inspector of schools), Mr. J. J. Callaghan (hon. secretary of the Public School Teachers' Association), Hon. James Blanksby, M.L.C., Dr. Ferguson, Mr. T. M. O'Neill, Mr. D. J. M'Lean, J.P., and a number of teachers of the district. The Ministerial party was privately entertained at luncheon at the Technical College, the whole of the edibles having been prepared by the pupils of Miss Wright's cookery classes. At the conclusion of the repast the toast of "The Health of the Minister and Chief Inspector" was honoured with enthusiasm.
The reception of the Minister and the party took place at about 3 o'clock. A dais was specially erected in the centre of the grounds to accommodate the visitors and the officers of the association. Squads, numbering about 2000 children, tastefully attired in fancy costumes, were massed and formed into three sides of a square, presenting a very pretty scene. Mr. C. O. Flashman, the district inspector of schools, presided, and amongst those on the platform were the members of the visiting party, the officials of the association, Mr. A. H. Griffith, M.L.A., Mr. J. L. Fegan, M.L.A., the Hon. J. Blanksby, M.L.C., the Mayor of Newcastle, Mr. H. J. Brown, and a number of prominent citizens. The chairman, in according a welcome to the Minister, presented him with a handsome illuminated address, the handiwork of Mrs. Anderson, of the Waratah Public School. The address was expressive of the pleasure experienced by the combined schools in according a hearty welcome to the Minister on the occasion of his first official visit to this district, and congratulated him on his assuming his present distinguished position.
The Minister, in replying, said that he was more than gratified at the welcome accorded to Mrs. Hogue and himself by the teachers of Newcastle and suburbs. It gave him a great deal of pleasure to visit this district, in which he had spent many happy years of his life, and in which he had received a good deal of his early education. They could readily understand, therefore, that he felt especially gratified that day in coming amongst them for the first time as a Cabinet Minister. (Applause.) He was glad also to learn that the Newcastle Association was strong in membership, and that it exhibited so much vitality. He desired to congratulate them upon the fact that one of the principal objects of the association was the establishment of libraries, and he was convinced that much good would result from such a worthy project. He could not sufficiently thank them for the beautiful address with which they had presented him, and the work reflected greatest credit upon the teacher who had executed it. He felt rather concerned early in the afternoon when rain commenced to descend, but as a member of a Ministry which recently invited the people of this country to pray for rain he could not express regret at the welcome downpour. He hoped that the clouds which, in a metaphorical sense, seemed to be hanging over this district would pass as pleasantly away as the rain clouds had a few minutes ago, and that prosperity would again return to this district. (Applause.) He again thanked them on behalf of Mrs. Hogue and himself for the flattering reception which had been accorded him. (Loud applause.)
Bouquets were presented to Mrs. Hogue and Miss Flashman, and the proceedings were brought to a close by cheers for the Minister, Mrs. Hogue, Mr. Flashman, and the Queen.
The sports, which attracted a great deal of attention, were well contested by over 600 scholars, the following schools being represented:—Wallsend, Hamilton, Wickham, Newcastle, Cook's Hill, North Waratah, Tighe's Hill, Plattsburg, Lambton, Merewether, South Newcastle, Bolton-street, Hanbury, Hexham, Stockton, Carrington, Adamstown, Argenton, Ash Island, Minmi, Jesmond, and New Lambton. The programme was commenced at 10.30, and was concluded at 2.30. A series of highly successful displays by 2000 children were then given in the presence of the Minister for Education, who expressed his gratification at the high standard of excellence attained by the little ones. The children were prettily dressed in appropriate costumes, each school appearing in distinct colours. The displays included girls' uniform clubs by six schools, a Maypole dance (the feature of the afternoon) by seven schools, physical drill without arms by the boys of three schools; girls' miscellaneous display, rings, and scarf drill by six schools, boys' uniform dumb-bells by nine schools, and special clubs and dumb-bells, boys and girls, by six schools. The proceedings concluded shortly before 6 o'clock by a grand march past.
During the course of the day a programme of musical selections was contributed by the band of the 4th Infantry Regiment, under Bandmaster Bentley, and the whole of the arrangements were satisfactorily carried out by a strong committee, of which Messrs. William Byrne and J. J. Callaghan were the hon. secretaries. The Ministerial party returned to Sydney by the evening train. The following are the results of the sports:—
Fifty Yards Handicap, for boys under 7.—R. Anderson (Lambton), 1; V. M'Pherson (Wickham), 2.
Seventy-five Yards Handicap, for boys between 7 and 9.—J. Davis (Wickham), 1; H. Jackson (Wallsend), 2; D. Anderson (Lambton), 3.
100 Yards Handicap, for boys between 9 and 12 (87 entries).—R. Gray (Wallsend), 1; W. Stators (Cook's Hill), 2; F. Lock (Wickham), 3.
100 Yards Handicap, for boys between 12 and 14 (61 entries).—S. Ingram (Newcastle South), 1; W. Young (Hamilton), 2; J. Carlings (Hamilton), 3.
100 Yards Handicap, for boys between 14 and 16 (15 entries).—T. Hills (Cook's Hill), 1; T. Gilbert (Wallsend), 2; A. Sheen (Wickham), 3.
100 Yards Northern District Schools' Championship.—T. Hills (Cook's Hill), 1; Henry Street (Newcastle Superior Public School), 2. Other competitors: Cyril Conn (Hamilton), A. Sheen (Wickham), J. Anders (Wickham), Percy Gilbert (Wallsend), W. Down (Wallsend), and Charles Chatfield (Newcastle Superior Public School).
Hurdle Handicap of 120 yards, for boys of any age.—P. Gilbert (Wallsend), 1; T. Hills (Cook's Hill), 2; George Laws (Hamilton), 3.
Cycle Handicap of 880 yards, for boys of any age.—George Taylor (Wickham), 1; A. Hooker (Newcastle), 2; Austin Gibb (North Waratah), 3.
Relay Handicap of 880 yards, for boys under 12. Teams of four each.—Hamilton Sup. Public School, 1; Newcastle South Sup. Public School, 2; Newcastle Sup. Public School, 3. Other competing teams were:—Lambton P.S., Plattsburg S.P.S., Wickham S.P.S., Hanbury P.S., Wallsend S.P.S. "A," and Wallsend S.P.S. "B."
Tug of War, boys under 12. Twelve in each team and 24 prizes.—Hamilton Sup. Public School defeated Newcastle S.P.S., Wickham S.P.S. defeated Wallsend S.P.S., First Hamilton S.P.S. defeated Wickham S.P.S.
Tug-of-war for Boys under 14. 12 in each team, and 24 prizes.—Newcastle S.P.S. defeated North Waratah P.S., Cook's Hill P.S. defeated Tighe's Hill P.S., Wallsend S.P.S. defeated Hamilton S.P.S. Semi-final: Cook's Hill defeated Hamilton. Final: Newcastle defeated Cook's Hill.
Tug-of-war for Boys of any age. 12 in each team.—Newcastle S.P.S. defeated Merewether P.S., Wallsend S.P.S. defeated Cook's Hill P.S., Wickham S.P.S. defeated Hamilton S.P.S. Semi-final: Wallsend defeated Newcastle. Final: Wallsend defeated Wickham.
Three legged Handicap of 75 yards.—Hadfield and Hagon (Tighe's Hill), 1; Timmins and Jackson (Plattsburg), 2.
Wheelbarrow Handicap of 100 yards.—Timmins and Crowley (Plattsburg), 1; Meldrum and Dawson (Wickham), 2.
Handicap of 50 yards for girls under 7.—Miss D. Robertson (North Waratah), 1.
Handicap of 50 yards for girls between 7 and 9. 20 entries.—Miss H. Sheen (Wickham), 1; Miss M. Alison (Newcastle South), 2; Miss P. Blanche (Newcastle South), 3.
Handicap of 75 Yards for girls between 9 and 12. 29 entries.—Miss F. Lincott (Ash Island), 1; Miss M. Lauri (Newcastle South), 2; Miss E. Skinner (Cook's Hill), 3.
Skipping Handicap of 75 Yards for girls under 11.—Miss A. Pritchard (Newcastle), 1.
Skipping Handicap of 75 Yards for girls between 11 and 13. Seven entries.—Miss M. Goman (Wickham), 1; Miss L. Oakley (Cook's Hill), 2.
Hoop Handicap for girls under 11.—Miss C. Blacknell (Merewether), 1.
Hoop Handicap for girls between 11 and 13.—Miss Lena Hingst (Newcastle), 1.

ARRIVAL OF SUFFIELD.

Thomas Suffield, who was recently released from Dubbo Gaol, arrived in Newcastle by steamer this morning, and was accompanied by Mr. Warren, with whom he resided before his conviction. Although it was generally understood that Suffield intended to revisit this district, his exact movements were unknown, and consequently there was no demonstration of any kind; in fact, only a few of his more intimate acquaintances were aware of his arrival. He stayed at the Terminus Hotel during the morning, and in the afternoon visited Lambton, where he previously lived. Suffield explains that he preferred to return to Newcastle quietly, as he does not desire to pose as a martyr or to become the object of curiosity on the part of the public in general. He still protests his innocence of the crime of which he was found guilty, and proposes to spend his life in an endeavour to clear his character. A cricket match was played in his honour at Lambton this afternoon, and in the evening he was privately entertained at a social gathering by a number of his Lambton friends.

THE COAL EXPORT TRADE.

The barque Snow and Burgess sailed to-day for Honolulu with a cargo of 2250 tons coal, and the barque Nordby cleared for Tai Tai with 943 tons. In the intercolonial trade departures of coal-laden vessels included the steamer Burrumbeet for Melbourne, 1800 tons; steamer Time for Port Pirie, 3500 tons; and steamer Kendal Castle for Melbourne, 4050 tons. The following vessels also cleared at the Customs:—Steamer Boveric for Fremantle, 5146 tons; steamer Willyama for Port Pirie, 2300 tons; and steamer Moresby for Townsville, 1100 tons.

The result of the meeting of colliery proprietors held in Sydney to-day to consider the weighing question is being awaited with considerable interest.
The barque Earl Dunraven arrived from Sydney to-day to load wool for London. The Burrumbeet, which left for Melbourne to-day, took 370 bales.
At the Victoria Theatre to-night the Newbury-Spada Company gave an excellent performance in the presence of a large and appreciative house.
A garden fete in aid of the funds of the Wesleyan Sunday School was opened to-day in the grounds of Arnott-Holme, at Mayfield, the residence of Mr. W. Arnott. The undertaking was largely patronised, and the City Band was in attendance.
The Rev. Father O'Gorman delivered an interesting lecture before a large audience at the Masonic Hall to-night on the "Shrines of Our Lady." The proceeds will be devoted to St. Mary's School fund.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

MR. JAMES WARD IN COOK WARD.

From the balcony of the Austral Hotel, at the corner of Bourke and Foveaux streets, Mr. James Ward addressed a large meeting of the electors of Cook Ward in support of his candidature for aldermanic honours. Mr. Robertson presided.
Mr. Ward, who met with a somewhat enthusiastic reception, said that had Alderman Kippax been a candidate he would not have come forward for election. About six months ago their friend, Mr. Kippax, had notified him of his intended retirement from the council, and had asked him to contest the election. That was the reason why he now addressed them and sought their suffrages. He claimed that he possessed a great advantage over rival candidates in that he lived amongst them and their interests were his. From the position of a humble mechanic he had risen to the control of the largest manufacturing business in his own trade south of the line. As he had attended to his own business, so he would attend to theirs in the council if he was elected as their representative. (Applause.) He deplored the condition into which the municipal finances had drifted, but would never countenance any proposal to repudiate the debts of the citizens. He believed that by judicious borrowing and better management a large amount could be annually wiped off the million odd pounds that were owing, and in 20 years the city would be free from debt. (Applause.) There never was a time when a man was more required to have his wits about him to make the council a financial success than the present, and if he could show them some way in which that result would be attained he thought he would have established some claim to be their representative. He had always opposed the building of the City Markets, believing that the site would have been more beneficial to the citizens had it been turned into a reserve. (Applause.) However, the markets were there, and it was for the City Council to see how they could be made to pay. There was the basement, for instance, which would never pay so long as access to it was by lift instead of by a tunnel giving cart way to those desiring to make use of the underground apartments. This would mean a saving of £30 per week. Not only would the construction of such a tunnel prove remunerative, in so much as it would ensure the letting of the underground portions of the market buildings, but a large saving would be effected by dispensation with the lifts, the use of which involved a considerable expenditure. He objected to the wholesale dismissal of workmen, it being his opinion that the Mayor had no right to put 100 or 150 men suddenly upon the labour market. He preferred a system of partial employment at times when there was not work for all. (Applause.) Another way in which money could be collected was by the enforcement of the law relating to the payment of rates. He concluded his address amidst great applause, having advocated at some length the imposition of a wheel tax, the employment of married in preference to single men for corporation work, and the necessity for workmen residing in the wards in which their work was done.
Questions were answered, and, on the motion of Mr. Henry Willis, a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried unanimously.

THE SUGAR CRUSHING SEASON.

CHATSWORTH ISLAND, Thursday.
The Colonial Sugar-refining Company's Harwood mill concluded the season's operations to-day. The crushing extended over 15 weeks and four days, and is regarded as being the most successful season, both to growers and manufacturers, since 1892, on account of the mildness of last winter. The bulk of the cane treated was two-year-old Tanna, of excellent quality, and no trouble whatever was experienced in manipulating the juice, and the result was a good class of sugar. The density of the cane throughout was high, and it is believed that growers will receive a substantial bonus in addition to the stipulated price of 10s per ton for their cane by the terms of the new system introduced this year. The yields in the majority of cases were satisfactory, a number of planters cutting over 400 tons each, while a few obtained over 1000 tons off their plantations. All the cane-cutters earned good cheques, some gangs averaging over £40 per man. The mill worked splendidly throughout the season, and no mishap of any kind occurred. Mr. Millar's mill finished a long season's work yesterday. A large quantity of China cane was treated with satisfactory results. The manufactured article was of a lightstraw colour, and met with a good demand. Mr. Anderson's mill concluded crushing to-day. The juice standard at this mill was exceptionally high, Tanna cane registering 10° and Beaume Moore's purple 11°. A large number of hands are now disengaged, many of whom will leave the district in a day or two.

SEARCH FEES AT THE TREASURY.

Complaint has been made of the fact that it is the practice of the Treasury to charge a "search fee" of 5s for furnishing particulars of amounts outstanding as balances of purchase money on conditional purchases. In answer to Mr. Gormly in the Legislative Assembly last night, the Premier explained the matter as follows:—"It has," he said, "been found necessary to charge a search fee in consequence of the large number of inquiries made by financial institutions, such inquiries being evidently for the sole purpose of checking their securities. In no case is the fee charged when the owner of the conditional purchase asks for information, nor is it charged in cases where it is the intention to pay off the outstanding balance of purchase money. It was not my intention, in authorising this charge, that it should fall upon the selectors in any way; but we have had enormous trouble in answering the questions of great financial institutions in reference to hundreds of selections, and it was as to those inquiries that the charge has been imposed. I have no wish that this charge should be a burden upon those whose selections are on our books. I feel that we ought to give them the most perfect information; but we cannot undertake to become agents for large financial institutions who have thousands of selections, which do not belong to the selectors at all, but which belong to persons who have bought them."

SUGGESTED HARBOUR AT PORT KEMBLA.

The necessity for a protected harbour at Port Kembla was brought under the notice of the Legislative Assembly last night. Mr. Nicholson, M.L.A., presented a petition from certain colliery proprietors, miners, workmen, and others directly interested in the progress of Illawarra and the Southern coal trade, representing that they are subjected to certain hardships on account of the great loss of time occasioned by the impossibility of loading the large class of steamers now seeking cargoes at the colliery jetties. The loading of such steamers is impossible except in perfectly calm weather, while the loading of sailing ships is impossible. Solely on account of the want of protection to the jetties, 80,000 and 90,000 tons of trade, and between £20,000 and £22,000 in wages, have been lost during the six months ending August last. The House was asked to adopt measures to at once build a deep-water port or harbour at Port Kembla, so that the loading of any class of steamer or sailing ship may proceed constantly and independently of the weather. This would result in giving constant employment as well as doubling the trade.

ST. MATTHEW'S, MANLY.

RED-AND-WHITE CARNIVAL.

The parishioners of St. Matthew's, Manly, are in the habit of assisting their church by holding a demonstration of some kind at least once in each year. Last year it was a marine fete, on another occasion a flower show, but this time a new departure has been taken by the organisation of a red-and-white carnival, which was opened at the Aquarium Hall yesterday by the Mayoress, Mrs. F. C. Passau. All the stalls are draped with tasteful devices; down even to the programmes, tickets, posters, and dodgers the red-and-white idea is maintained, and effectively worked out. The committee in charge of the arrangements are:—The Mayor of Manly, Messrs. Badmington, Burkitt, Baldry, Bayliss, Carroll, Douglass, Grimes, Hosking, Kenwood, Lough, Lord, Pain, Patison, Wisdom, Wedderburn; hon. treasurer, Mr. G. U. Hosking; hon. secretaries, Mrs. Freeman and Mr. R. Wisdom.
The stalls and stallholders are as under:—
No. 1, Fancy: Mrs. Stoddart, assisted by Mesdames Irving, Noble, and the Misses Irving and Hollander.
No. 2, Plain: Mesdames Robinson, Wedderburn, Hunt.
No. 3, Summer Drinks: Mesdames Hosking and Ferguson.
No. 4, Toys: Mesdames Pain and Kenwood.
No. 5, Sweets: Mesdames Douglass and Farmer, assisted by Miss Stoddart.
No. 6, Cigars: The Misses Johnson, Sodes, and Fowler.
No. 7, Post-office: Miss Harvey.
No. 8, Flowers: Mrs. Baldry and the Misses Plomley, German, and Nelson.
No. 9, Refreshments: Mesdames W. H. German, Hughes, Sadler, assisted by Mrs. Plomley and the Misses Badgery and Tyree.
A great attraction of the carnival is a series of cleverly staged tableaux vivants, under the direction of Miss Johnson and Mr. Burkitt.

MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE.

An adjourned conference of representatives of Dundas and Ermington and Rydalmere Councils was held on Wednesday evening, when, in view of the proposed amalgamation of the two municipalities, the financial aspect was considered at length, and it was decided to recommend that Ermington and Rydalmere be recharged all liabilities owing on it and credited all amounts due and assets at the time of amalgamation, with the exception of the School of Arts; the Dundas Town Hall and Rydalmere School of Arts to remain a charge upon the united municipalities, and the two accounts combined, profit or loss arising herefrom to be shared by the three wards.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NEWS.

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
Alec Taylor's horses, comprising Cordite, Wait-a-bit, Skylark, and Golden Queen, have arrived at Flemington.
Rock of Ages cut herself while galloping at Caulfield this morning.

V.R.C. SPRING MEETING.

The following are the final acceptances for the undermentioned events to be run at the V.R.C. Spring Meeting:—

V.R.C. DERBY—1½ mile.
Mr. W. R. Wilson's br c Bobadil, by Bill of Portland—She.
Mr. J. Mitchell's b c Holster, by Carbine—Cambric.
Mr. R. Churnside's b g Cordite, by Zalinski—Busy Bee.
Mr. F. Austin's b c Lee-Metford, by Carbine—Felicitas.
Mr. J. Turnbull's br c Heretic, by Trenton—Fishwife.
Mr. W. Maskell's g c Kanowna, by Quintin Matsep—Olga.
Mr. R. Craven's br c Gauleon, by Goao—Industry.
Mr. R. Craven's br c Woodlark, by Goao—Procella.
Mr. W. Bailey's ch c Cocos, by Abercorn—Copra.

MARIBYRNONG PLATE—5 furlongs.
Mr. W. R. Wilson's br c Scorn, by Bill of Portland—Tea Rose.
Mr. M. H. Devlin's b f Heiress, by Sunrise—Inheritance.
Mr. G. Gray's br c Tabilk, by Malvolio—Madge.
Mr. J. Wilson's b f Nitre, by Off Colour—Mitrailleuse.
Mr. L. E. Meyer's b or br f Lady Lillian, by Malua—Naga.
Mr. J. Bowen's b f Fleetfoot, by Richmond—Footstep.
Mr. A. Cameron's br c Kalinga, by Russley—Lalla Rookh.
Mr. R. Craven's ch f Oceanica, by Eiridspord (imp.)—Oceana.
Mr. T. Lamond's br or bl c Viscount II., by Russley (imp.)—Fine Lady.
Mr. J. East's b f Alice Mostyn, by Neckersgat—Miss Mostyn.
Mr. F. Fielder's ch c Lowland Chief, by Antaeus—Legado.
Mr. A. Taylor's br g Skylark, by Vengeance—Consultation.
Mr. D. Small's ch f Hurrah, by Eiridspord—Jubilee.

MELBOURNE BETTING MARKET.

Business in the betting market was rather quiet to-day, but the horses in the betting for the Melbourne Cup were backed for small amounts, Rosebery receiving the most consistent support. The card was read at the Victorian Club in the evening in the presence of a large gathering of members and visitors, but the volume of business transacted was not large. For the Derby backers offered to lay 5 to 2 on Bobadil, but pencillers wanted 3 to 1 on. The best offer against Cocos was 7 to 1, but no business resulted, 8 to 1 being wanted. A parcel of £1500 was on offer against Cordite at 10 to 1, but failed to tempt backers, and £7500 was available against Holster at 100 to 5 with the like result, while 100 to 4 was obtainable against any other. A line of £3500 was available at 100 to 7 against Amberite for the Melbourne Cup, but no takers were forthcoming, backers wanting 100 to 5. Wagers amounting to £1400 were taken about Battalion at 100 to 3 without exhausting the market at that price. Merloolas was friendless at 100 to 5, and backers wanted 500 to 50 about The Grafter, but 8 to 1 was the best price to be had. After 1000 to 35 had been booked about The Chief 1100 to 44 was taken, and then he firmed a point. Clarion was friendless at 100 to 10, and 500 to 20 was wanted about Wait-a-bit, but 100 to 5 was the best offer. Against Trapper 100 to 2 was written, and 2000 to 60 was taken twice about Cocos, after which 100 to 3½ was the best to be had. A line of 2000 to 80 was written against Rosebery, followed by 2000 to 90, with 100 to 5 offered. The following were the prices on offer:—
Derby.—3 to 1 on Bobadil, 7 to 1 v. Cocos, 10 to 1 v. Cordite, 100 to 5 each v. Holster and Heretic, 100 to 4 v. Woodlark, 100 to 3 each v. Gauleon and Lee-Metford.
Melbourne Cup.—8 to 1 each v. The Grafter and Massinissa, 100 to 10 v. Clarion, 100 to 8 v. Dreamland, 100 to 7 v. Amberite, 100 to 5 each v. Wait-a-bit, Rosebery, Merloolas, and The Chief, 100 to 4 v. Eleusinian, 100 to 3½ v. Cocos, 100 to 3 each v. Battalion, Trapper, Manfred, Cordite, Toxteth, and Heretic, 100 to 2½ v. Plutus, 100 to 2 each v. Elusive, War God, Longford, Woodlark, Carbineer, April Fool, Pelissier, and Holster, 100 to 1 v. others.

LATEST SCRATCHING.

The following scratchings were recorded to-day in connection with the V.R.C. Meeting:—
Spring Stakes.—Moonee Valley.
Coburg Stakes.—Cardamon.
Maiden Plate.—Heretic and Kulwyne.

VICTORIAN TRAINING NOTES.

FLEMINGTON.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
Thursday broke one of the nastiest mornings of the season. It was raining nearly all through the previous night, but with not sufficient force to affect the "going" on either the sand or tan track. The Grafter and The Chief were the first notabilities to come out, and going with great freedom, got over a mile and a quarter on the tan in 2 minutes 20 seconds. They both went like good ones, but The Grafter, who had the outside place, seemed to be going better than his companion at the finish. Wait-a-bit was cantering, looking bright and fresh. Plutus showed great pace over a round of the tan, helped along by Corrie Roy, in 2 minutes 32½ seconds. Woodlark left Gauleon standing at the end of a mile and a half run in 2 minutes 49½ seconds. Woodlark could have easily improved this time had he been pressed. He ran his first mile in 1 minute 54 seconds, and the round in 2 minutes 3½ seconds. Thunder Queen always had the measure of Tapioca over a mile and three furlongs on the tan, the mare finishing well, and the last mile, occupying 1 minute 55½ seconds. Cordite went along smartly and looks very nice. Carrara ran a mile very comfortably in 1 minute 50½ seconds, and Kallara six furlongs in 1 minute 25 seconds. Heretic ran a round of the tan in 1 minute 51½ seconds. Ballistite, pulling off after going the first six furlongs had with him Stand-off and Rowdy, and they ran their five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds. Contrast ran a good mile and a quarter in 2 minutes 19 seconds, the first mile being done in 1 minute 50 seconds. Eleusinian's gallop over two miles was as good as anything done during the morning. He went much freer than usual and was helped along by Princess of Wales and Sunlight at intervals over the journey, finishing really well in 3 minutes 45 seconds. Merloolas only cantered, but seemed free from soreness. Bobadil had Symmetry and Auriferous in trouble from the jump, and ran his mile easily in 1 minute 48½ seconds. Longford easily at Syerla over 11 furlongs in 2 minutes 34 seconds. Wargod was ahead of Sweet Marie and Cocos at the end of a mile and a quarter, gallop done in 2 minutes 20½ seconds. Toxteth, who easily beat Catspaw, ran round the sand in 2 minutes 30½ seconds, finishing very strongly. Trapper did a two-mile gallop in 3 minutes 50 seconds, and as he was by himself and is a lazy-going one it was a good gallop. Rosebery beat Amberite and Pelissier over a mile well run in 1 minute 48 seconds. Picture and Lochuanita did an easy fast round of the sand in 2 minutes 38 seconds. Badge and Carinthia got over five furlongs in 1 minute 6 seconds. Lelamine was about three lengths in front of Blair at the end of a mile, covered in 1 minute 52½ seconds. Manfred ran right away from Elusive at the finish of a mile and a half gallop, done well, in 2 minutes 47½ seconds. He is in great form, and goes well. Dreamland (M'Farlane) got to the end of a mile and a half on the tan in 2 minutes 46½ seconds. He tackled a good one in Miss West over the last mile and a quarter, and finished extremely well. It was a really good gallop. His first mile took 1 minute 51 seconds, the mile and a quarter 2 minutes 18 seconds, and the round in 2 minutes 32 seconds. Toxteth was going well out all the journey. Sailor Boy beat Alemene over a mile in 1 minute 52 seconds after breakfast up the straight running. Lowland Chief beat Habet and Oceanica at the end of five furlongs run in 1 minute 8¼ seconds. The wind was dead in their teeth, so his gallop was not a bad one. Kalinga and Florence ran over the same course in 1 minute 10½ seconds. Scorn, Revenue, Graceful, Far Away, and Gipsy Bell spurted, and Skylark, Golden Queen, and Catherine Wheel had a go over the same course.

CAULFIELD.

The Cup horses had to do their final gallops this morning under disadvantageous circumstances. It was raining at daybreak, and continued until half-past 5 o'clock, when it ceased for about an hour, but subsequently came down very heavily, accompanied by a strong wind, and had not cleared up when the last horse had worked. At times the horses could not be seen, and in several cases it was impossible to tell how far they went. The grass was a little dead. Massna went a mile and a half at about evens, and Madame took 1 minute 23½ seconds to run six furlongs. Architect was a length and a half better than Tabilk over five furlongs, run in 1 minute 6½ seconds. Manazona and Orient spurted three furlongs in 40 seconds. Martin brought Readford home over six furlongs, run in 1 minute 24 seconds, but the latter was stopping to nothing. Pat put in two miles and a half at a strong pace on the sand. Viscount II. (S. Callinan) and Alice Mostyn (C. Parker) ran five furlongs in 1 minute 7½ seconds in a leisurely manner. Philip (J. Rogers) was ridden out over one mile, traversed in 1 minute 54 seconds. Town Clock (W. Griffiths) beat this time by three quarters of a second. The rain now commenced to fall. Repeater (J. Williamson) covered a mile in 1 minute 48½ seconds. Surge (W. Carson) and Battalion (R. Lewis) were together at the end of nine furlongs registering 2 minutes 1½ second, Intrinsic bringing them home the last six furlongs. Robin Hood (W. Griffiths) and Djin Djin (medium weight) lost Water Colour over a mile, accompanied in 1 minute 48 seconds. Holster and Clarion occupied a second longer over the journey, but the first-named held his own with the Cup horse. Ouslow went twelve furlongs at an even-time gait. Lady Lillian sprinted a couple of furlongs. Treat (T. Fograum) went better than usual, and did nine furlongs in 2 minutes 3½ seconds. Rosella was doing some strong work for a mile and a half. Prince Carbine (J. Daniels) occupied 2 minutes 21½ seconds in running a mile and a quarter. Rock of Ages was three lengths in front of Chatelaine at the finish of five furlongs, run in 1 minute 7½ seconds easily. Rock of Ages cut herself in the gallop. Staffa (H. Gardiner) went about a mile, the five furlongs occupying 1 minute 9½ seconds. Happy Jack was sent twice round at a good pace. Ideal and Wild Raven took 57 seconds to do four furlongs, and Novers ran the last five furlongs of a mile in 1 minute 10½ seconds. Heiress beat Dorothy by four lengths over five furlongs in 1 minute 4 seconds, but they were shoeless. Speiller ran nine furlongs in 2 minutes 10 seconds, and Lega the same distance in 2 minutes 7½ seconds. Massinissa (A. Foulsham) galloped about 12 o'clock with The Chevalier and Carlyle as helpmates for the first and concluding portions of a mile and three quarters respectively, the last mile and a quarter taking 2 minutes 20 seconds, but there was no attempt to make time. The Cup horse went free and well.

A NEW RACECOURSE.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.
A race club has been formed at Wollongong, the officers elected being:—President, Mr. George Cochrane; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. A. Beatson and H. Cox; secretary and treasurer, Mr. Frank Bevan; committee, Messrs. A. Frost, R. Cochrane, J. Richards, M. Tynan, W. O'Brien, George Lindsay; judge, Mr. A. Lysaght; starter, Mr. William Beach; handicappers, Messrs. W. Ahearn, J. Richards, and C. E. Weston; clerk of scales, Mr. P. T. Doyle. It was decided to organise a race meeting of five events on the Wollongong course in November next.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

Subjoined are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be held at Kensington to-morrow:—
Hurdle Race (15.0), 1¼ mile.—Idalia, 11st 3lb; Dorrie, 10st 4lb; Maud F., 9st 6lb; Grandbar, 8st 7lb; Albury, 8st 7lb.
Trial Stakes (15.0), 4½ furlongs.—Anstruther, 8st 12lb; Spring Hill, 8st 2lb; Clio, 8st 2lb; Prairie Boy, 7st 11lb; Cora II., 7st 11lb; Fashion, 7st 10lb; Actress, 7st 8lb; Beaumare, 7st.
Randwick Handicap (14.1), 5 furlongs.—Clare, 8st 6lb; Brown Mantle, 8st; Luckfair, 7st 9lb; Harold, 7st 6lb; Frawney, 6st 9lb; Revenge II., 6st 7lb.
The Bunnerong Handicap (14.2), 4½ furlongs.—Portia, 9st 2lb; Elwyn, 9st; Veronica, 8st 7lb; Minerva, 8st 6lb; Pink 'Un, 8st 4lb; Etheline, 7st 8lb; Brown Mantle, 7st 9lb; Queenbird, 7st; Clotaire, 7st; Isabelle, 6st 7lb; Mermaid, 6st 7lb.
Fourteen Hands Handicap, 4½ furlongs.—Sweet Marie, 8st 12lb; Lady Lovel, 8st 4lb; Llama, 8st; Silk, 7st 12lb; Dairy Maid, 7st 10lb; Bon Ami, 7st 6lb; Sweet Talk, 7st 2lb; Geelong, 6st 13lb; Carissima, 6st 10lb; Lady Crusa, 6st 9lb; Belle Lorrimer, 6st 7lb.
Kensington Handicap (15.0), 6 furlongs.—Battler, 9st 10lb; Gilpin, 8st 9lb; Kettledrum, 8st 7lb; Snowden, 8st 5lb; Menter, 8st 3lb; Shotover, 7st 6lb; Ruby K., 7st 3lb; Etheline, 7st; O.P., 7st; Gavot, 6st 12lb; Lily, 6st 10lb; Constance, 6st 7lb.

MENTONE RACES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
A race meeting was held at Mentone this afternoon in pleasant weather, and was fairly well attended. Subjoined are the details:—
Trial Handicap, 5 furlongs.—Mr. Williamson's Eileen, 6st 8lb (Williamson), 1; Mr. White's Lovelocks, 7st 2lb (Paul), 2; Mr. Ryan's The Trader (Trainor), 3. Thirteen started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Reflector, 4 to 1 v. English Slave, 7 to 1 v. Bay Rose, 10 to 1 each v. Wigmore, Rising Sun, and Neva, 15 to 1 each v. Eileen and Lovelocks. Won by a length from Lovelocks, The Trader being half a length off third. Time, 1 minute 4 seconds.
Hurdle Race, 2 miles.—Mr Jones's Lucid, 9st 7lb (Underwood), 1; Mr. Jungwirth's Wedlock, 9st 5lb (Bassendale), 2; Mr. Jones's Iredale, 10st 10lb (Coad), 3. Six started. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Tangiers, 3 to 1 each v. Lucid and Iredale, 7 to 1 each v. Wedlock and Lord Brassey. Won by a length, with Iredale two lengths off third. Time, 5 minutes 36½ seconds.
Flying Handicap, 5½ furlongs.—Mr. Clarke's Orient, 9st 2lb (Lewis), 1; Mr. Carslake's Dowry, 8st 2lb (Daniels), 2; Messrs. Devlin and Carey's Konning, 8st (E. Piper), 3. Five started. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Orient, 3 to 1 v. Hera, 4 to 1 v. Dowry, 6 to 1 v. Konning, 10 to 1 v. Tecoma. Won by half a length, with Konning two lengths off third. Time, 1 minute 6½ seconds.
Steeplechase, about 2 miles.—Mr. Wallen's Ensign, 10st 10lb (File), 1; Mr. Reilly's Passion Fruit, 10st (Johnson), 2. No other starters. Betting: 2 to 1 on Ensign. Won by six lengths. Time, 4 minutes 32 seconds.
Mentone Handicap, 1¼ mile.—Mr. Heffernan's Doaster Swivel, by Swiveller—Faith, 6st 7lb (Trainor), 1; Mr. Clark's Hainault, 7st 7lb (S. Willis), 2; Mr. Batty's Griaf, 9st 1lb (owner), 3. Seven started. Betting: 5 to 2 v. Taming, 4 to 1 v. Kulwyne, 5 to 1 v. Hainault, 6 to 1 each v. Doaster Swivel and Manazona, 10 to 1 v. Griaf. Won by a head, a similar distance between second and third. Time, 2 minute 10½ seconds.
Welter Handicap, 6½ furlongs. Mr. Morrow's Warwee, by Bosworth—River Princess, 10st (Woodgate), 1; Mr. Liversley's Arbiter, 9st 7lb (W. Ross), 2; Mr. Sefton's Marino, 9st 7lb (Fairbrother), 3. Fourteen started. Betting: 5 to 1 v. Reflector, 6 to 1 each v. Warwee and Bohemian Girl, 8 to 1 each v. Glen Aira and Alberta, 10 to 1 v. Bay Rose, 12 to 1 v. May Day. Won by six lengths, one length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 24½ seconds.

CYCLING.

SYDNEY BICYCLE CLUB.

The following handicaps have been issued by Mr. S. Clark for the five miles road race to be decided on the Bankstown to Burwood road on Saturday:—R. W. Longfield, W. Blogg, scratch; T. Fitzgerald, 20 seconds; P. F. Johnston, 30; H. Crago, F. A. Browne, 35; J. Longfield, 50; A. J. T. Grocott, 55; A. J. Pittman, 75; M. C. Faviell, 80; W. A. Edwards, 90.

THE M.B.C. AUSTRAL MEETING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
The entries in connection with the M.B.C. Austral meeting are, as usual, very large. Competitors are entered from all parts of Australia, and with fine weather the various events will be keenly contested. For the first time the meeting this year will extend over three Saturdays—November 26 and December 3 and 10—on the Melbourne Cricket Ground. On the first day the events are:—The M.B.C. Plate, handicap, 1½ miles, of 85 sovs., with 146 entries; International Scratch, 1 mile, of 30 sovs., 26 entries; International Scratch, 25 miles, of 100 sovs., 48 entries. Second day: International Scratch, 1 mile, 50 sovs., carrying with it the blue ribbon and badge of the club, 31 entries; Austral Wheel Race, handicap, 2 miles, 400 sovs., 189 entries; International Scratch, 5 miles, 53 sovs., 50 entries. Third day: Victoria Mile, handicap, 50 sovs., 155 entries; Flying Stakes, handicap, ½ mile, 20 sovs., 136 entries; International Scratch, 10 miles, 77 sovs., 47 entries. International competitors have up to 12th November to enter. The total entries are 828, being 73 in excess of last year. The following are the entries for the
Austral Wheel Race.—W. A. Adams, R. E. Adrian (N.S.W.), Thomas Amos (N.S.W.), J. C. Baker, L. Barker, W. Bayes (Tasmania), F. J. Bazeley, G. Beard (N.S.W.), W. Benbow (S.A.), A. W. Bennett, A. W. Pemberton, A. J. Berry, J. Body, F. A. Boyd, T. D. Brokenshire (N.S.W.), C. J. Brooke, J. Brooker, C. Brown, A. S. Browne, C. B. Buckley, D. F. Burr, H. H. Burton, J. H. Busst, F. J. Beauchamp, P. R. Beauchamp (Tas.), W. Brown, J. P. Campbell, A. Calder, A. E. Carrel, B. A. Clark, J. E. Clinton, W. E. Clinton, J. A. Cochran, V. F. Cole, L. Corbett, A. J. Caren (W.A.), D. A. R. Court, C. S. Cox, A. B. Crisp (Tas.), W. R. Crosbie, J. Crowell (N.S.W.), J. Carpenter, D. Chambers, G. A. Clark, D. J. Davies, J. T. Davis, S. Day, J. R. Denning, G. Denny, J. L. Discuciati, J. W. Driscoll, W. J. C. Elliott (N.S.W.), J. Esler, J. Farrell, J. Feenane, H. A. Fife, J. Fitsell, D. M. Finlayson, T. S. Finnigan, J. C. Fitzgerald, F. E. Fontaine, A. C. Forbes, R. Fraser, W. G. Preston, C. Fricke, J. B. A. Gargurevitch, G. T. Gatland, E. B. Gerster, D. Gibson, A. Gonard, J. F. Good, C. Goodwin (N.S.W.), S. J. Gordon, J. A. Granter, C. Greenwood, W. Hancock, J. J. Hefter, J. Herd, W. E. F. Hickox, H. G. Hill, J. Hagan, A. Hood, J. T. Hopkins, H. A. Hourigan, A. Howqua, H. H. Hudson, F. Hunt, L. Herm n, P. O. Iredale, E. D. Jackson, W. C. Jackson, L. M. Jackson, D. J. Jamonneau, Don Jewell, J. A. Johnstone, J. Kellow, W. Y. Kingsley, A. Kuhle, J. G. Kuhle, C. B. Kellow, A. J. Leahy, W. W. G. Leech, Ken Lewis, R. W. Lewis, H. Lindgren, O. Lober, J. W. Loder, E. Lowe, H. J. Luck (Tasmania); R. C. Lyons, A. H. Laverick, G. C. MacGibbon, W. H. March, John Marshall (N.S.W.); W. Mathews, W. T. Matthews, J. M. Megson (N.S.W.), J. Mezger, A. A. Middleton, W. Middleton, C. P. Miller (N.S.W.), J. R. Moore (N.S.W.), W. E. Moran, A. B. Moss, S. Murray, R. Mutton (N.S.W.), J. W. Meney, A. C. Migro (W.A.), F. A. Moore, G. R. Morgan, F. A. Murphy, J. Myers (S.A.), W. S. M'Combe (N.S.W.), W. M'Donald, M. J. M'Lean, J. M'Lauchlan, W. C. M'Laughlin, A. Norris, C. Neunhoffer, T. D. O'Dwyer, P. J. E. O'Malley, F. H. Orford, E. Payne, O. F. Peterson, M. Porta, G. K. Prince (N.S.W.), W. H. Parson, V. Quork, F. Reid, T. Ralph, G. W. Revell, W. J. Richards, J. Robertson, H. R. Rogers, R. R. Russack (S.A.), J. Roberts, H. Rolfe, A. E. Sampson (S.A.), L. B. Sharp, G. L. Scott, G. T. Scott, J. A. Smith, W. Stapleton (N.S.W.), W. H. Stephens, M. Stevenson, J. A. Stewart, W. G. Symonds (S.A.), A. E. Tame, F. A. Taylor, G. E. Teague, E. D. Thorley (W.A.), J. M. Treacy, Syd. Turner, A. E. Terry (S.A.), A. L. Tones, P. J. Treffene, C. E. Trewern, J. L. Unsworth (S.A.), D. J. Walker, R. H. Waine, W. S. Webb, H. Webnack, E. R. Wilson, L. M. Wilson (S.A.), E. J. Windsor, A. W. Welly, A. Wylie, R. W. Webster, G. Woodward.
The handicaps will be declared on Monday, October 31, and the acceptances for all events must be in the hands of the hon. secretary, Mr. Robert M'Cullagh, by Saturday, November 12.

A SYDNEY RIDER IN ENGLAND.

A few weeks ago we published a cable from England setting forth that Percy E. Marsden, of Sydney, had put up some world's amateur records. By this week's mail the secretary of the Putney club, England, writes to our cycling representative saying that Marsden would leave England for Sydney on October 14 by the steamer Orient. "Since Marsden arrived in England he has won five handicaps and three scratch races, and he has to his credit all world's amateur records from six miles up to 29 miles. He has proved himself to be one of the finest amateur riders in England at the present time, and is to be congratulated on his success. The Australian Flier, as he is called, is a member of our club, and did most of his training at the Putney track. The members of the club have been so pleased with Marsden's performances that they have presented him with an illuminated address and also with a beautiful gold medal. Marsden also received the Dunlop gold medal, and he is to be banqueted before his departure for Sydney. In addition to these English records Marsden also holds French records from 5 kilometres up to 45, and he takes away more laurels than any other Australian rider who has visited us. In attaining his world's records Marsden made use of the famous Dunlop machine, but was only allowed amateurs to ride them. After he had been riding for the first quarter of an hour one of the chains of the quint broke, which lost him about 30 seconds, and as the wind was very strong his ride is considered a grand performance. It is hardly necessary to say that at the termination of his fine ride Marsden was shouldered and carried amidst great cheers by his club mates."

MICHAEL BEATS TAYLOR.

Michael has wiped out his recent defeat in a sprint race by the black crack "Major" Taylor. The two met in a 20 miles paced match on the Manhattan track, New York, recently, and in the result Michael won by 1200 yards, covering the 20 miles in the fast time of 34 minutes 42 4-5 seconds.

LAWN TENNIS.

The Centennial Club visited Randwick, and defeated the local players after a pleasant game by 12 sets 89 games to 5 sets 69 games. The winning team consisted of Misses J. and P. Mitchell and Messrs. H. Swanson and C. Usher, while Randwick was represented by Mrs. Daly, Mrs. E. Way, and Messrs. Page and E. Way.

CLASS B BADGE COMPETITION.

The only unplayed match in this series was that between Balmain and Strathfield, and the former club having been unable to get a team together, has withdrawn from the contest, so that all scores for and against that club are cancelled. The University No. 1 team has proved itself superior to its opponents in this class, as was anticipated at the commencement of the season; but North Petersham, Holbrook, and Rosehill have all scored well and have obtained averages of over 40 games per match. The first two are almost equal for second place, and if Balmain had not forfeited Rosehill would have tied Holbrook for third place. Of the 10 matches played by each team University won all, scoring the full 48 games on three occasions, and twice came within one game of doing so. Their closest match was against Ashfield, which they won by three games, the sets being equal. North Petersham won seven matches and Holbrook and Rosehill eight each, but Rosehill's severe defeat by University deprived it of higher honours than fourth on the list. It is satisfactory to record only one forfeiture this season in the whole four classes of the badge competitions. The complete scores in Class B are as follows:—

Club.	Matches.	Games.	Average.
University, No. 1	10	449	44 9-10
North Petersham	10	412	41 2-10
Holbrook	10	411	41 1-10
Rosehill	10	402	40 2-10
Ashfield	10	384	38 4-10
Manly	10	373	37 3-10
University No. 2	10	350	35
Drummoyne	10	341	34 1-10
Wahgunyah, No. 2	10	324	32 4-10
Wahgunyah, No. 1	10	309	30 9-10
Strathfield	10	304	30 4-10

Balmain forfeited.

The competition for the trophy racquets presented by Mr. R. M. Pitt for the pair scoring most games in not less than two-thirds of the matches has resulted in an interesting contest, and several pairs have come out with high averages. The most games have been obtained by Waddell and Clarke (University), who played in every match, but L. Pitt and Morson (Holbrook), playing in eight matches, have obtained the best average and win the trophies. The matches in which the latter pair did not play together were against University No. 1, when they separated, and against University No. 2, when Morson stood out. Pitt-Morson's score of 21 games, and Waddell-Clarke's 24 games, and other scores against Balmain have been eliminated from the averages, of which the best are as follows:—

Players.	Matches.	Games.	Average.
L. Pitt-Morson, Holbrook	8	185	23 1-8
Waddell-Clarke, University	10	226	22 6-10
Newton-Skipper, N. Petersham	10	220	22
Wilson-O'Reilly, Rosehill	9	192	21 3-9
Gregg-Sly, Ashfield	9	184	20 4-9
Boydell-Ridge, Manly	7	140	20

The results of the matches played by the winning team are as follows:—
University No. 1.
Beat North Petersham, 7 sets 45 games to 1 set 30 games.
Beat Strathfield, 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 22 games.
Beat University No. 2, 5 sets 40 games to 3 sets 34 games.
Beat Wahgunyah No. 2, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 27 games.
Beat Manly, 7 sets 47 games to 1 set 32 games.
Beat Ashfield, 4 sets 38 games to 4 sets 35 games.
Beat Holbrook, 5 sets 42 games to 3 sets 39 games.
Beat Wahgunyah No. 1, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 17 games.
Beat Drummoyne, 7 sets 46 games to 1 set 22 games.
Beat Rosehill, 8 sets 48 games to 0 sets 25 games.

LADIES MATCH.

The postponed Ladies' Match between Kooringa and Ashfield No. 2 has been played off and resulted in a win for the latter. Scores:—
Ashfield No. 2 v. Kooringa.
Misses Rowley and M. Cox v. Misses Doust and Elliott, 6-5, 6-5.
Misses Rowley and M. Cox v. Misses Moustaka and Elliott, 6-4, 6-2.
Misses A. Shadforth and Windeyer v. Misses Moustaka and Elliott, 5-6, 6-3.
Misses A. Shadforth and Windeyer v. Misses Doust and Elliott, 2-6, 6-2.
Won by Ashfield No. 2 by 6 sets 43 games to 2 sets 31 games.

ONTARIO v. BOOMERANG.

These clubs met on Saturday last with the following results:—
G. Morgan and Smith v. Fowler and Prince, 6-4.
Rees and Anderson v. Hill and Henderson, 6-2.
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G. Rees and Anderson v. Hill and Henderson, 6-0.
G. Morgan and Smith v. Fowler and Prince, 6-1.
Rees and Anderson v. Fowler and Prince, 6-1.
G. Morgan and Smith v. Hill and Henderson, 6-3.
Boomerang won by 8 sets to 0.

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND.

A match will be commenced this afternoon and continued to-morrow morning, as advertised, between elevens representing the Sydney Grammar School and the Church of England Grammar School. We have been asked to mention that owing to this match the ground is advertised as not being available for practice.
Members are by special notice warned that subscriptions are due, and if unpaid membership will be cancelled and the entrance fee will be strictly enforced should re-election be sought.

GOLF.

Files to hand bring results of the Norfolk championship competition, which was won by Mr. P. M. Lucas, who established a record for the course. His third round was done in 78, a performance that possessed all the more merit because drought had made the course and greens difficult, whilst a wind lessened the chance of low scoring. Four rounds of 18 holes were played, and Mr. Lucas made an aggregate of 345, beating the Rev. A. E. Black by 26 strokes for first place. The former secured the gold medal and county championship.

ROYAL SYDNEY GOLF CLUB.

The final of the captaincy of the associate members of the above club was played off yesterday on the Bondi links between the Hon. Dorothy Brand and Mrs. Geoffrey Fairfax. The match was very close and interesting, neither being at any time more than two up. All square at the fourteenth, the fifteenth was halved, and Miss Brand won the sixteenth, making her one up and two to play. Mrs. Fairfax took the next two, and won the match and the captaincy.

COOTAMUNDRA GOLF CLUB.

The competition for October took place on Wednesday with the following result:—
R. M. Bell, 114—20=94; Rev. Canon Betts, 112—15=97; F. Manning, 106—3=103; F. H. Bradhurst, 117—13=104; W. H. Matthews, 111—5=106; E. G. Matthews, 106, scratch—106; A. Morgan, 112—5=107; R. Davies, 112—2=110; E. Doidge, 130—18=112.

SAILING.

SYDNEY CANOE CLUB.

Mr. P. B. Drummond presided at the monthly meeting of the above club on Tuesday evening. Prizes won in the classes A and B race on the 17th instant were paid over. Entries were received for the yawl race on Saturday afternoon, for which the handicaps are:—Marjorie (V. Elliott) and Viking (W. M. West), scratch; Moa (Walter Pettit), 1 minute; Huia (H. Fleming), 4 minutes; Vixen (J. H. Bradley), 5 minutes 30 seconds.

SYDNEY DINGY CLUB.

The following are the handicaps for the Dingy Club's races, to be sailed to-morrow:—14-footers: Ena and Maggie, scratch, work or lead; Wanda, Othello, and Euil, ½ minute, work or lead; Clio, 1½ minute work, 1 minute lead; Boomerang, 4 or 3 minutes, Ettie, 6½ minutes or 3½ minutes. 10-footers: Tam o' Shanter, Crescent, Planet, Ensign, scratch, work or lead; Olga, ½ minute work, or scratch lead; Haidee, Venita, and Pheasant, 1½ minute or 1 minute; Myra, 3½ minutes or 2½ minutes; Alpha, 4 minutes or 3 minutes. 8-footers: Cyclone and Thistle, scratch; Pearlie, 2 minutes or 1 minute; Our Boys, 3 minutes or 2 minutes; Myrone and Bert, 5 minutes or 3½ minutes. In the 14ft. and 10ft. races two new boats appear on the list, viz., the Enid (a 14-footer) and the Pheasant (a 10-footer). The Enid has just been built by H. Lee, an assistant of Donnelly's, and will be sailed by J. Robinson; whilst the Pheasant was built and will be sailed by her owner, Mr. W. Parcel.

SWIMMING.

THE PROFESSIONAL LONG-DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The above event was decided on the 18th September, in the Thames, between Kew railway station and Putney Dummy, a distance of five mile and 60 yards. It attracted a large attendance, while swimmers throughout the United Kingdom took a great interest in the match. The course chosen was almost identical with that of the Amateur Long-distance Championship. The result was a win for S. W. Greasley, who had to his credit the half-mile and mile amateur championships, and who was recently successful in Paris. There were 11 competitors, but as was anticipated Greasley took up the lead at 100 yards, and was never displaced. Ten completed the distance, and their times were:—S. W. Greasley, 1 hour 16 minutes 30 seconds; P. Titchener, 1 hour 18 minutes 21 seconds; W. Harrison, 1 hour 21 minutes 10 seconds; S. Sergeant, 1 hour 21 minutes 14 seconds; C. Ball, 1 hour 21 minutes 45 seconds; J. Jones, 1 hour 23 minutes 10 seconds; A. Richardson, 1 hour 24 minutes 1 second; W. H. Brandon, 1 hour 29 minutes 20 seconds; and S. Martin, 1 hour 34 minutes 35 seconds. At the finish the winner had an advantage of 150 yards, and Titchener was 200 yards in front of Harrison. Cavill has done the distance in 1 hour 6 minutes 35 seconds; and Jarvis, who has shown splendid form this year, won the long-distance amateur event in 1 hour 7 minutes 58 seconds.
At the schools' junior championship, decided at the Ladywell Baths on September 16, a boy under 16 years, J. G. V. Ball, covered 60 yards in the excellent time of 43 4-5 seconds.
The 220 yards championship of Scotland was won by J. Edwards by 15 yards in 2 minutes 41 seconds.
At Encinton Baths, Nottingham, on September 19, J. A. Jarvis, the half-mile amateur champion of England, broke his previous record of 12 minutes 52 seconds by negotiating the distance in 12 minutes 27 4-5 seconds.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
C. H. Gorrick, of Sydney, was one of the competitors who divided the £200 open handicap pigeon match at the Moreland Gun Club's grounds to-day. He also won two sweepstakes. He shot from the 31-yards mark.

BAZAAR AT COOGEE.

Yesterday afternoon a bazaar was opened in the grounds of Mrs. James Cook, Marton, Belmore-road, Coogee, in aid of St. Nicolas' Church, Coogee. There was a large gathering at the opening ceremony, over which the Rev. W. Greenwood, the minister in charge, presided. Amongst those present were the Rev. William Hough (Randwick), Rev. R. Griffiths (private chaplain to the Archbishop), Messrs. A. E. Braham, J. Hedges, and W. F. Hirst (churchwardens). The bazaar was formally declared open by Miss Snowdon Smith. The main portion of the bazaar was held in the large billiard-room, which was beautifully decorated, and the stalls were well filled with handsome and useful goods.
The stalls and stallholders were as follows:—
Plain and Fancy Goods.—Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. C. J. Ellis, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. W. Walton, Miss Walton.
Cakes and Refreshment Stall.—Misses Braham, A. Stewart, and Kidd.
Flower and Plants Stall.—Misses Lucy Bransby, Ellis, May Freeman.
Sweet Stall.—Mrs. Hirst, Miss E. M. Cook.
Toy Stall.—Miss D. Hirst and Miss N. Candell.
Fish Pond.—Misses Rose Dean and F. Richardson.
Snowball.—Misses A. Bransby and E. Coulter.
Archery.—Mr. W. Brown.
Art Gallery.—Master Cook.

Previous to the sixteenth century every physician in Europe wore a ring on his finger as an indication of his profession.

THE COAL-WEIGHING DIFFICULTY.

MEETING OF COLLIERY PROPRIETORS.

The coal-weighing controversy was advanced another stage yesterday. This arose in connection with a meeting of colliery proprietors which was held at the offices of the Newcastle-Wallsend Company, Bridge-street, yesterday afternoon. The conference was of a thoroughly representative character, there being present thereat proprietors or other representatives of northern, southern, and western collieries, and the chair was occupied by Mr. Jesse Gregson. There was an animated discussion, which lasted from half-past 2 until 5 o'clock. All the old phases of the matter were brought under review, and the gentlemen present inveighed strongly against the action of the Minister in issuing the circular, and strong disapproval was expressed at the character of the Act, which forbids the miners from entering into agreements with the colliery proprietors, which, it was urged, would be mutually satisfactory. Much consideration was bestowed upon the question of whether the slack sent up out of the mines could rightly be regarded as the "mineral contracted to be gotten." The slack, it was urged, was practically valueless, and it was never contemplated by the colliery owners that it should be sent out of the mine as a general rule and paid for as coal. Eventually, when things generally seemed to bear an almost hopeless complexion, someone suggested that representations might be made to the present Minister with regard to the antipathy of the colliery proprietors to the Act so far as the weighing provisions of it were concerned, and more particularly as to the desirableness of amending it in such a way as to permit of contracts being entered into by the miners if they felt so disposed without any condition being imposed that every skip that came out of the mine should be weighed. The gentleman making the suggestion pointed out that it would be unfair to the Minister for them to assume that they would receive no encouragement from him in regard to such a matter. The present Minister was quite new to the department, and so far his action rested seemingly upon departmental papers alone. It would be possible to appeal to Mr. Cook with considerable force—first, on the ground of the unfairness of the provisions embraced in the Act, and next, upon the desire which must be shared by all to adopt any course which might be acceptable to all parties that would obviate the necessity of a strike or a closing down of the mines—action which in either case must of necessity prove disastrous to the trade of the colony. And it was also urged that the willingness the miners had shown to re-open negotiations relative to the proposed new agreement indicated a more reasonable spirit on their part than had sometimes been evident, and pointed unmistakably to their desire to avoid if possible a strike or lockout. The idea of making an appeal to the Minister to adopt some course which would enable the difficulty that had arisen to be settled amicably received general approval. It was realised by everyone that if the action which was about to be taken was to have the slightest chance of being successful it should be undertaken by some one who could deal with the matter with a delicacy amounting to diplomacy, and everyone looked to Mr. Gregson to undertake the serious duty involved. And seeing that it was expected that he should do so, he consented to discharge that important duty. Mr. Gregson will, therefore, wait upon the Minister, and will report the result to an adjourned meeting of colliery proprietors which will be held in Sydney next Thursday afternoon.

LATE MINING.

CUE, Thursday.
The Bellevue Proprietary has crushed 417 tons of stone for 425oz. gold.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.
To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: New Pinafore, 4s 2d. Quotations: New Pinafore, buyer 4s, seller 4s 2d; North Tasmania, buyer 4s 3d; Magnet, buyer 24s 6d; Cutty Sark, buyer 3s 9d, seller 4s 6d; Hercules, buyer 18s, seller 20s; Mount Lyell buyer £6 10s; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 17s, seller 18s; Red Hills, buyer 4s 8d, seller 5s; Mount Bischoff, seller £31.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.
At an extraordinary meeting of shareholders of the Lake George North Mines to-day it was resolved that the company should be wound up, and the surplus assets divided amongst the shareholders, who, it is estimated, would receive 6d per share, payable in about three weeks hence.

GRANTS FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Mr. Affleck, M.L.A., has given notice of a question which he intends to ask in the Legislative Assembly in connection with grants for roads and bridges. He will ask the Minister for Works whether he is aware that, according to the return laid on the table of the House by him showing special grants for roads and bridges from March to July 27 last, and given out of the £300,000 voted in the Monthly Supply Bill, that such grants were made to 47 electorates represented by Opposition members, while only 20 Government supporters had the same consideration shown them. The total sum represented on that form as special grants amounted to £15,792, and was distributed as follows:—Opposition members, £10,886; labour members, £2125; Government supporters, £2781, the latter sum being divided amongst 13 electorates. Mr. Affleck desires Mr. Young to lay the schedule of classified roads upon the table of the House not later than 10 days before he submits his road vote for the year 1898-9.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.
RICHARDSON and WRENCH, Limited.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties, Goodwill, License, and Furniture of an Hotel.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.
J. RODD and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Toys, Stationery, Cutlery, &c.
G. P. BAINES.—On the Premises, Jarrett-street, Leichhardt, at 2.30, Furniture, Piano, &c.
H. W. BROOK and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Furniture, Overmantels, Toiletware, Bookcase, Dinner Service, Tea-sets, &c.
C. CLEAVE.—At 1 Gladstone-terrace, Pantist-street, Redfern, at 11, Furniture, Piano, Platedware, Pictures, &c.
BARNARD and CO.—On the Premises, 387 George-street, at 10, Fixtures, Fittings, Counters, Bookcase, Books, &c.
H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Mart, at 11, Mantelpieces, Statuary, Fenders, Grates, Tiled Hearths, Fittings, &c.
A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Fancy Goods, Crockery, Stationery, Brushware, Glass Cases, &c.
H. W. CAREY and CO.—At the Exchange Salerooms, at 3, Teas.
J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, &c.; at 2, Jewellery, Cutlery, Platedware, Books, Watches, &c.
J. R. LAWSON.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Glass, China, Electroplate, Dinner Service, Pianoforte, Gas Stove, &c.
J. G. LITTLE and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Bookcase, Piano, Carpets, Sewing Machine, Bicycles, &c.
MIDDLETON and CO.—At Hay and George streets, Haymarket, at 2.30, Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.
SYDNEY WOOLSELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c.; at the Wool Exchange, at 11.30, Sheepskins; at 2.30, Tallow.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.
W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.
G. KISS.—At Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.
ELLIS and CO.—At their Saleyards, at 1, Vealers, Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, &c.
R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At their Room and Yards, at 1, Pigs, &c.; at 2, Poultry, Eggs, Butter, &c.
C. J. TURNER.—At the Poultry Farm Exchange, at 2, Eggs, Poultry, &c.
F. L. ONUS and CO.—At their Railway Salerooms, at 12.30, Pigs, &c.; at 2.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3.30, Butter, Eggs, &c.
S. PROCTER.—At the Produce Mart, Ultimo-road, at 2, Poultry, Pigs, &c.; at 3, Eggs, Butter, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.
G. P. BAINES.—At Howard-street, off George-street West, at 11, Building Materials.
THE SHERIFF.—At the Arbitration Court, at 12, Right, Title, and Interest to a certain Debt.

A LADY'S BILIOUSNESS, DEBILITY, AND HEADACHES CURED.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS SUCCEED WHERE OTHERS FAIL.

A reporter, having seen letters from Mrs. Bennett, relating to her remarkable cure from biliousness, indigestion, and general debility, waited on her at her residence at Wetherill Park, near Fairfield, N.S.W., to obtain an account of her case.
"For 12 years," she said, "I suffered terribly from general debility. I cannot tell you how ill I was. I felt so miserably low and depressed in spirits that I hardly cared whether I lived or died.
"Sometimes when I saw visitors coming up towards our house I got out of the way, for I felt so run down that I positively couldn't speak to them. At nights I slept very badly. I had the most terrible headaches, and about five years ago I was attacked with liver complaint, and was continually being laid up with fearful fits of biliousness. I couldn't look at food, and I suffered from excessive and obstinate costiveness. Doctors attended me, but they failed to do anything for me, though I paid one gentleman £30. Severe indigestion and sickness also attacked me. In addition to doctors' physic, I tried scores of different medicines, and all uselessly. One day a little book containing accounts of cures by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People was left at our house. I was struck with the truthfulness of the case reported; I sent for a trial box. I found they did me a considerable amount of good; I got more and followed the directions exactly. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills acted splendidly. My troublesome costiveness disappeared, my appetite returned, my indigestion gradually went, and so did my liver complaint, and those severe fits of biliousness and sick headache; I grew fat and well, and could eat grandly. Four boxes entirely cured me. It is some months since then, and I have now no disorders. I am positive that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have given me a new lease of life. My husband was troubled with severe headaches, and three boxes entirely cured him."
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills build up the constitution and strengthen the system in such a way as to prevent any ill-effects occurring after measles, influenza, colds, &c. They are also a certain cure for biliousness, anæmia, sleeplessness, rheumatism, lumbago, loss of physical strength, neuralgia, all female irregularities, debility, indigestion, sick headache, loss of vital forces, &c. Obtainable from all chemists and dealers, or from the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Sydney, N.S.W., who will forward six boxes for 15s 3d, or one box for 2s 9d, post free.—Advt.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outwards: October [illegible], 2500 tons, Captain A. G. Hood, for Dunkirk, Antwerp and London, via ports; Feodis Hill, barquentine, [illegible] tons, Captain G. S. Norris, for Napier, via Newcastle.
Captain K. A. Berg reports that the steamer [illegible] left Rockhampton on the 21st instant, Bundaberg on the 23rd, and Brisbane at 1.20 p.m. on the 25th; rounded Cape Moreton at 7.15 p.m. same day, Seal Rocks abeam at 1.0 a.m. on the 27th, and arrived in Sydney at noon same day.
Every effort is being made by the harbour officials at Fremantle to deepen and widen the basin at the mouth of the Swan River. It is anticipated that by November [illegible], the date on which the German mail steamer Friedrich der Grosse is due at the port from Bremen, a sufficient depth of water will have been obtained so as to allow of her taking up a berth at the South Quay.
Captain G. Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Eden at 8 a.m. on the 26th, calling at intermediate ports, and arriving in Sydney at 4.30 p.m. on the 27th. Experienced strong head winds and sea to Wollongong and a [illegible] gale thence to arrival.
One hundred vessels are now under construction for the Japanese navy, the "century" having been completed by an order to Messrs. Jarrow. The hundred vessels comprise six battleships, 15 coast defence vessels, one armoured cruiser, five third-class cruisers, 20 gunboats, six despatch boats, 10 "destroyers," and 37 torpedo boats.
Captain B. Alley reports that the steamer St. George crossed the Richmond bar at 7 p.m. on the 26th instant, and met with fine weather, with light variable winds, to Newcastle; thence to port fresh W. winds and moderate seas. Arrived in Sydney at 8.40 p.m. on the 27th instant.
Wide regret is expressed, says a London correspondent, at the unexpected death of Mr. James W. [illegible], the managing director of the Shaw, Savill, and Albion Company. He had not enjoyed good health for some months, but he was on his way to the Continent for treatment when he completely broke down at Dover.
According to an official return, the pay of a large portion of the Royal Navy is substantially augmented by salvage money. During the last financial year the Admiralty received over £30,000 for salvage services rendered by the Queen's ships in different parts of the world, and, under the regulations, all such moneys are proportionately divided among the crews.
Records of rapid passages, writes a London authority, are furnished almost weekly, and the next important point for shipowners and general traders to determine is what constitutes a "full cargo." It is claimed that a "record" has to be credited to the Brasilia (Hamburg-American line), which arrived in the Thames with the largest cargo ever carried into the port of London by one vessel. The cargo aggregated 14,700 tons, including 160 tons of slate.
The steamer Macleay is still in Rowntree's Dock being repaired.
At the Jubilee Dock the steamer Civility is being stripped, caulked, and remetalled.
The Amazon berths to-day at Smith's Wharf.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.
The R.M.S. Ormuz cleared Queenscliff at 4.45 p.m. yesterday for Sydney, and is due here to-morrow morning.
The Tanais, from Noumea, is due here on Sunday morning early.
The R.M.S. Austral, which met with an accident to her propeller, resumed her voyage to Australia on the 25th instant from Suez.
The R.M.S. Alameda, from San Francisco October 4, yesterday arrived at Auckland. She is due here on Monday morning next.

THE UNION COMPANY'S LINE.
The Ounah arrived at Hobart at 4 p.m. yesterday, and leaves again for Sydney to-morrow (Saturday) evening.
The Monowai left Wellington for Sydney at 11 a.m. yesterday and is due on Monday early.
The Taieri leaves Catherine Hill Bay for Fiji direct to-morrow, Saturday.

THE E. AND A. COMPANY'S LINE.
The Guthrie, from Yokohama, leaves Hongkong on the 6th proximo and is due here on November 28.
The Australian, from Kobe, leaves Hongkong on the 17th proximo.

THE BRITISH AND COLONIAL LINE.
The Kaffir, which comes here to Messrs. Dangar, Gedye, and Co. to load for London, yesterday left Adelaide. She will arrive on Monday next, dock, load, and get away prompt.

PASSENGERS BY THE FRIEDRICH DER GROSSE.
Following is a list of the passengers for Sydney by the German mail steamer Friedrich der Grosse, which sailed from Bremen on September 21:—Mr. and Mrs. H. Bischoff, Mr. and Mrs. Coop and child, Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Garland and child, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Heather, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hunter and child, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jenkins and child, the Rev. and Mrs. J. Kirkland, Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, Mr. W. Thompson, Mrs. D. Tomkins and child, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wunderlich, Mrs. [illegible], Mr. and Mrs. Hatte and child, Mrs. and Miss Rawlings, Mrs. Leavy, Mrs. Sanderson, Lyster, Mrs. T. G. Leslie, Miss G. Leslie, Miss M. Robde, Miss M. Russell, Miss Ritchie, Miss Ethel Stewart, Miss Emma Stewart, Miss Walsh, Messrs. J. F. Forth, Jung, E. [illegible], F. Kundsen, A. Ungerer, P. Schuhmann, E. Butler, J. Bull, Blyth, G. J. Ditton, G. H. Ditton, Morice, H. Stapley, C. A. Sampson, Waters, M. Hellinger, P. Surmann, D. J. [illegible], Miss H. Ditton, Miss E. C. Harle.

THE BORROWDALE.
The Ayr reports speaking the ship Borrowdale off the coast, bound from Fredrikstadt. She comes to Mr. Gustav Augensen at this port, and will load for Valparaiso at Newcastle through Messrs. Earp, Gillam, and Co.

THE AYR.
The steel screw steamer Ayr, launched four years ago at Sunderland, and owned by the Mercantile S.S. Company, yesterday arrived from Port Pirie in command of Captain W. H. Gibson. She comes to Messrs. Tyser and Co. to load wool for United Kingdom and Continent. The vessel has gone up to Mort's Dock for cleaning.

THE NEOTSFIELD.
Mr. F. H. Dangar's fine clipper ship Neotsfield, from London to Sydney, passed Wilson's Promontory at 1.0 p.m. yesterday.

A NEW STEAMER.
The new steamer built by Mr. George Frost at his yard, Kincumber, Brisbane Water, described recently, has been towed to Sydney, and is now alongside Chapman's Engineering Works receiving her machinery.

THE CANADIAN FAST SERVICE.
The talk about a Canadian fast mail service continues in London and at some of the other home ports. Some practical men do not hesitate to declare that a 20-knot service with safety from shore to shore is simply impossible to and from Quebec, and it is difficult to see the object in continuing the agitation. Meanwhile, the Elder, Dempster, and Co.'s Bristol liner Montcalm has inaugurated the new service from Bristol to Quebec. The speed of the Allan or Dominion boats increased by a few knots would provide a practical solution of the difficulty, at any rate for the present.

THE JANE L. STANFORD—A SEAMAN LOST.
A smart-looking four-masted wooden barquentine, built in California six years ago, the Jane L. Stanford, arrived yesterday from Puget Sound, after a passage of 71 days. The traders throughout were poor; passed Samoa on September 30, and had moderate weather to Sunday last, when she encountered a gale from S.W. After that fair weather. A seaman named J. Ericksen, on October 3, fell from aloft, and died two days before reaching port. The vessel, which is to load at Newcastle for Honolulu, comes to Messrs. I. Falk and Co.

STORMY TRIP OF THE BUNINYONG.
Captain J. G. Little, of the steamer Buninyong, on his last trip round from Sydney to the west, had a very stormy passage. His arrival at Fremantle on the 13th instant was thus reported:—Captain Little stated that the present voyage from Adelaide had proved of a most tempestuous nature. At the Semaphore three hours were spent in endeavouring to take on board the Customs officer. Finally, however, at 3 p.m. on the 7th instant the ship was allowed to depart without the usual Customs overhaul, as it was found impossible for the officer of that department to board her in such weather. As the vessel entered the Bight boisterous weather prevailed, and throughout that night poor progress was made. At daylight on the following morning there was a more promising outlook from a meteorological point of view, although the subsequent passage to Albany was made in rough weather. King George's Sound was reached at 6 a.m. on the 12th, and at noon on the same day the voyage was resumed. During the early portion of the passage from Albany a moderate westerly gale was experienced. This, however, increased in force, and by the time the Leeuwin was abeam it had settled down into a blow of hurricane force. After the vessel rounded the cape the weather again moderated, and continued favourable until within 20 miles of Rottnest Island, when strong gales and high seas again beset the ship.

AN EVENTFUL VOYAGE.
The Andreta, from New York to Melbourne, reports that on July 7, without a second's warning, a white squall struck the vessel, throwing her on her beam ends. The scene was indescribable, as the feather-white sea enveloped everything. Orders from the master and officers were drowned in the shrieking and howling of the gale, but the crew, knowing their peril, followed their officers' example, and cut away at halyard sheets and lanyards, while canvas parted from the bolt ropes until not a shred was left on the vessel. Captain Nickerson then, as a last resort, stationed the seamen to cut away and let the masts go by the board, but as the axes were uplifted the squall blew out, and the vessel slowly righted after 47 minutes of extreme peril. On the 11th instant, in [illegible], off the Leeuwin, the vessel had her last combat. Suddenly a green sea, towering above all others, broke on board, hurling four seamen to the deck and bruising them so badly that they had to lie up disabled. The same wave caught up the chief officer, carrying him almost the length of the ship, and he narrowly escaped having his two legs broken, both being severely bruised.

HARBOUR REMOVALS.
The barquentine Jane L. Stanford tows to Johnstone's Bay to discharge her cargo of timber.
The steamer Ayr moves from Mort's Dock to a berth at Moore's Wharf to-day.
The steamer Orwell berths at Central Wharf on arrival.
The steamer Warrnambool yesterday berthed at Pyrmont Wharf.

SAILING VESSELS DUE AT SYDNEY.
Borrowdale, ship (RMTS), from Frederikstadt—115 days.
Brenda, ship (MKTF), from Liverpool—112 days.
Chiltonford, four-masted barque (MVWH), from Hamburg—92 days.
Dunbritton, ship (NVQJ), from Glasgow—111 days.
Emilia Campa, barque, from Marseilles—87 days.
Empreza, barque (HNTQ), from Auckland—15 days.
Iquique, ship (MSRL), from Table Bay—42 days.
Jasper, barquentine (WVPL), from Auckland—12 days.
King Cyrus, schooner (KHNQ), from Tacoma—87 days.
Macquarie, ship (PGHL), from London—82 days.
Mary Winkelman, barque (JVMC), from Eureka—48 days.
Northern Chief, barque (SLTK), from Kaipara—13 days.
Neotsfield, ship (SVQJ), from London—101 days.
Netherby, ship (KGPV), from Liverpool—93 days.
Oceania Vance, schooner (KGCS), from Eureka—46 days.
Prussia, barque (JFQM), from Port Blakely—68 days.
Westbury, barque, from San Francisco—55 days.

VESSELS DUE AT NEWCASTLE.
Armida, ship (KCST), from Melbourne—7 days.
Centesima, four-masted barque (NPBL), from [illegible]—5 days.
Elliot, barque (QPRM), from Bangkok—97 days.
Garthsnaid, barque (HVFB), from Table Bay—42 days.

ISLAND SHIPPING.
The Lord of the Isles, from the Solomon Islands, is due here in a fortnight.
The Moresby, sailing in the Shepherds' Plaid Line, is due this morning from Newcastle, and sails to-morrow for New Guinea and New Britain.

GERMAN STEAM COMPETITION IN THE EAST.
The service of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd to China and Japan—at present a monthly one—will from the beginning of the new year be a fortnightly one. It was intended that the new arrangement should come into effect from January, but in consequence of the new large steamers which are being built for the service not being completed earlier, the new arrangements will not come into effect till April. There are four large steamers of 9000 tons each, the vessels to run in connection with the Norddeutscher-Lloyd and the Hamburg-American line, one leaving Hamburg and the other Bremen alternately. The chief feature in these new vessels is that the dining saloons will be placed on the deck, and they have been built specially for the requirements for trading in the East. There will be no alteration in the Australian service. A Berlin correspondent writes that advantage is to be taken by German traders of the altered circumstances in the Philippines. The Hamburg-American Packetfahrt, and the Norddeutscher-Lloyd Companies have now decided to extend their East Asiatic service by arranging for vessels to make a monthly call at Manila. These visits will not take place immediately, but as soon as trade conditions have assumed a more settled aspect, the steamers will put in. This is only one step of several which are being taken with a view to the extension of German commerce with the Philippines.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

There was very little business passing in the Stock and Share market to-day, the unsettled political conditions still exercising a disturbing effect, though without producing any further influence on quotations of investment stocks. The movements in these indeed were but slight. Quotations for all Government securities and bank shares continued the same as yesterday without leading to business. Australian Joint Stock Bank A deposits advanced 1½d; other creditor stocks steady. Port Jackson Steam showed a rising tendency, though the only reported transaction was at 26s 6d, the previous price. United Insurance were rather weaker. In gaslight, Newcastle had a buyer at an advance of ½; other gas unaltered. Breweries were steady, Tooth's selling at 27s 3d. Burns, Philp, Limited, rose a trifle, and Silverton Tram were up 6d, and Australian Newspaper 1s, Sydney Hydraulic being rather easier.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—Early sale: Tooth's Brewery, 27s 3d. At 1 o'clock: Port Jackson Steam, 26s 6d; Perpetual Trustee, 7s 6d. Closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of shares.	Shares paid up.	Last div. per annum.	Prices. Last sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	*Yield to investor.
	£	£	£	p.c.				p.c.
N.S.W. F. Stock, 1899	2,423,830			4	108	108	109½	3¼
Do. Art, 1879	550,189		...	4	125	123	...	3¾
Do., due 1914			...	4	...	99	...	3¾
Do., due 1924			...	3	...	99	...	3¼
Do., due 1925			...	3	100	99	...	3½
Do. Deb., 1909	389,300		...	5	107	106	...	3¼
N.E. D., 1919	300,000		...	4	104	105½	...	3¾
Q'land D., 1918	...		...	4	109	106	...	3½
Colonial sugar —D., 1914—	...		...	5	112	110	...	—
Banks.								
Aust. J.S.	1,167,397	10	7½	...	2/0	3/	6	...
Australasia	1,600,000	40	41	5	...	...	...	...
City	240,000	10	8	4	80/	78/	85	8
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	70/	...	75/	9½
Com. of A. pref	2,117,070	10	10	2	83/4	79	85	4¾
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	23½	23	23¾	4¼
N.S. Wales	1,850,000	20	20	9	36½	36½	37	4¾
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	27½	26½	...	4½
Deposits.								
A.J.S. Bank Class A	...	...	...	5	14/4½	14/6	14/9	4½
Class B	...	...	...	3	13/9	13/9	14/2	4½
Ditto Insc.	...	...	...	3½	11/	10/6	11/3	6½
Com. of Aus. A ser., 1898	...	...	...	3	18/	17/9	...	3¾
Ditto assets	...	...	...	3	16/	15/6	...	3¾
E.S.A. series	...	...	...	4	15/2	15	...	5½
Ditto Ter.	500,000		...	4	18/9	18/6	...	4¼
Ditto Deb.	900,575		...	4	16/7½	16/3	17/6	4¼
Inac., pref.	943,397		...	3	14/	13/9	...	4¼
Ditto, def.	940,022	...	...	3	15	14/9	...	4¼
Q'land Nat.	...				11/1	10/6	11/6	
Steam.								
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	¼	5½	5½	6	4½
N. and H. R.	100,000	1	1		15/3	15/8	...	
Nth. Coast	121,743	1	17/6	6	17/	16/9	17/6	6¾
N.S. Ferry	80,000	1	1	10	...	51/	52/	7¾
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25/	10	26/6	26/	27/6	7½
Ditto Co-op Deb. Shs.	...		1	5	17/	15/	...	
Insurance.								
A.M. Fire	25,000	1	5	22½	27/6	26/	27/6	4½
Mer. Mut.	26,250	1	3/6	15½	10/	10	10/3	5½
N. Zealand	200,000	10	2	11¼	...	60/	68/	
United, x d	62,500	10	2½	12½	...	80/	85	7¼
Ditto, New	3,725	10	12/6	12½	...	18/	21/	7¼
Gas.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	17/9	...	18/6	7
Australian	681,798	6	6	9/	17	17	17¼	5¼
Goulburn	10,300	1	1	15	42/	40/	45	7¼
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	23/	22	...	6¾
Manly	10,000	1	1	7	25/	24/6	...	5¾
Ditto, New	5,000	1	10/	7	12/9	12/6	13/6	5¼
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	8	...	16/	18/6	6¾
Newcastle	25,128	2	2	15	...	5½	...	5¾
North Shore	80,000	1	1	6	25	25/3	26/6	4¾
Ditto, New	10,000	1	10/	6	15/		14/9	4½
Breweries.								
Albury	21,000	1	10/	5	...	8/	7/6	...
Ditto	4,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Australian	66,000	1	1	...	8/	...	8/3	...
Castle and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	14/	14/	14/3	5¾
Marshall's	29,701	10	5/	6	4/10½	4/10	4/11	6¼
Perkins'	58,339	15	15/	13½	27/9			7¼
Tooth's	800,000	1	1	7	27/3	27/3	27/6	5¼
Miscel'neous								
Angus'	17,500	15/	10/	4	...	2/6	3/	...
Aust. News	60,000	1	1	8	25/6	26	27/	6¼
B.H.W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	10	21/3	21/	21/6	9¼
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	27/9	27/6	...	5¾
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	8	6/	5/6	6	5¾
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	34	34	34½	6
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8	101/	...	5	8
Em. R. Ri'wy	100,000	1	1	...	6/2	5/	6/	...
Em. Gravel	34,000	1	1	2½	...	...	...	...
F.R. Ice	161,015	1	18/	8	22/3	21/1½	21/3	6¾
Harrison, Jones, D'in	60,000	1	1	8	—	...		
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	...			7¼
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	5	12/3	11/3	...	4¼
Mont de Piete	73,467	1	1	10	36/9	35/6	36/	5½
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	5	2/6	2/3	2/4	5¼
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5	6	7/6	7/3	7/9	5¾
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	...	...	16/	16/	...
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	4	9/	8/9		8¾
Shale and Oil	75,000	1	15	...	2/6	2/3	3/	
Silv. Tram	107,800	1	1	40	89/3	89/6	90/6	8¾
Syd. Exch.	30,000	10	10	7		14		4¼
Sy. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10	10	26/3	25/9	26/6	3¾
Land & Bo. Haymark't D.	...		13	8	...	11/3		5
Fed. B. D.			...	...	...	14		
Indust. Prov.	80,000	20	20	6	20	..	...	6
Intercolonial	33,000	1	15	10	12/	...	12/6	12½
Excelsior Dep.	...		...	...	7/6	7/6		...
S. and Sub.	...			...	...			
S. & Sub. D.			...	...	10/3		10/6	...
Sy. Free. Land			...	...	...	6		

* Where dividends are interim, the yield is based on year's distributions; otherwise on the last half-yearly one.

An addition of a quarter to an inch and a half of rain to what lately fell in most of the wheat-growing districts will be of great benefit to the crops; the south-western part of the colony, where it was most needed, getting a fuller share of the showers than last week. The rain has been received with general expressions of satisfaction. The significance of the rainfall from a commercial standpoint is indicated from the facts that wheat declined in value, while cornsacks rose.

In addition to the insurance war rates fixed by the committee of the Sydney Marine Underwriters Association yesterday of 5s and 2s 6d per cent. on sailing and steam vessels respectively, for other than intercolonial voyages, a rate of 2s 6d per cent. net was agreed upon to-day on gold and specie on all voyages to and from Australasia.

At the wool sales to-day the catalogues contained 5440 bales, including some rather finer samples than were offered yesterday. For all such wool there was a very brisk demand, and 10½d was paid for one lot of superior combing.

The question of whether the closing of the Mints in India has affected prices and wages in India has been answered in a very contradictory way by witnesses before the Currency Committee now sitting in London. According to the "Economist" some witnesses maintained very strongly that the purchasing power of the rupee has been little, if at all, affected by the depreciation of silver or by the closing of the Mints; others affirmed with equal confidence that whilst the Mints were open the rupee lost purchasing power, or, in other words, prices rose, but that since they were closed the artificial value conferred upon the coin caused prices to decline. Analysing Indian Blue Book figures at the three dates, 1887, 1893, and 1897, our London contemporary shows a decidedly higher level of prices of rice, jawar, wheat, and salt in 1897 as compared with 1893. It admits, however, that this is due to a considerable extent to the failure of crops which led to the famine. And for the same reason we doubt the value of the figures as any indication of the effect of the closing of the Mints. Then the wages paid in these districts in the three years named are also given, and while they show an increase, it is not so great as that of the prices. And if this be so the agricultural labourer in India was less well off in 1897 than in 1887. His earnings procured less for him of the necessaries of life than they then did. It is difficult to understand how the rupee raised in its gold value 20 per cent. should have smaller purchasing power under even conditions in the year 1897 than in 1893. If the wages were raised that might be understood. But the advance is only 1 per cent. in the case of able-bodied labourers, whose pay was 7 rupees per month in 1897; a fall of 2 per cent. in the case of ryce or horsekeeper, who received an average of 7·26 rupees; and a rise of over 2 per cent. in the case of common masons, carpenters, &c., their pay being 18·2 rupees per month, or, at the then gold price of the rupee, about 24s. When the seasons in India become normal, a rupee of fixed gold value can hardly fail to contribute to steadier conditions of prices and wages than one which varies from that standard.

Mr. W. R. Dovey, F.F.A., actuary to the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, Limited, was last July commissioned by the board of directors in Sydney to consult the two eminent British actuaries, Mr. R. P. Hardy, F.I.A. (ex-president of the English Institute of Actuaries) and Mr. James Meikle, F.I.A., F.F.A. (president of the Faculty of Actuaries, Scotland), and to obtain their report on the valuation methods of the company. The report, we are informed, has been eminently satisfactory, and the company's methods have received the hearty approval of these two actuaries. Mr. Hardy, who has now been appointed consulting actuary to the Citizens' Life Assurance Company, and holds a similar appointment from the New Zealand Government Life Assurance Department, is the author of Hardy's "Valuation Tables," the standard work on valuations, and consequently of extensive use in insurance circles.

Henry Bull and Co., another of our leading firms of warehousemen, is being formed into a limited liability company, with a capital of £210,000, of which £140,000 is now being issued.

At the half-yearly meeting of Tooth and Co., Limited, to-day, Mr. G. J. Cohen presiding, the report, of which we have already given particulars, was adopted. Messrs. G. J. Cohen and J. B. Christian, the retiring directors, and Messrs. W. Clarke and J. C. Dibbs, the retiring auditors, were re-elected, and a vote of thanks was passed to the directors and officers.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Grafton Gas-lighting Company on Monday the report was adopted. It showed that the profits amounted to £546, which, with the balance brought forward from last half-year, namely £69, gave a sum of £616 for distribution. This balance was apportioned as follows:—A dividend at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, £320; to reserve fund, £100; to depreciation, £100; to bad debts, £7; leaving £89 to be carried forward. The report stated that the works, buildings, fencing, &c., had been put in thorough order, and a good stock of fire goods had been obtained from England.

The half-yearly meeting of the Penshurst Park Estate Company was held to-day, Mr. P. R. Larkin in the chair. The report showed that during the six months the sales, amounted to £826, being a substantial increase on those of the previous half-year. A return of capital of 2s 6d per share will be payable on and after to-day. The report was adopted. Messrs. Thomas Saywell and P. R. Larkin were re-elected directors, and Messrs. James Robertson and Frederick Crane as auditors. A vote of thanks was passed to the board of management and secretary.

BREADSTUFFS.

The second rainfall throughout most of the wheat-growing areas has tended to increase offerings of wheat, and the market is hardly so firm as it was. Best samples of wheat were quoted at 3s 5d to 3s 6d. Flour met with a good inquiry at £8 10s to £9. Melbourne limits for flour have also been raised.

The exports of wheat from the port of Sydney during the week ended October 22 were:—

	Wheat Bags.
To Queensland ...	500
To Western Australia ...	520
Total ...	1,020

The shipments of flour during the same period were:—

	Bags.	½-bags.	¼-bags.
To Queensland ...	2,800	80	980
To New Zealand	108	...	160
To Western Australia	560	—	200
To Islands	306	—	—
To Noumea	486	...	—
Total ...	4,258	80	1,340

Up to date shipments were:—

	Wheat. Bags.	Flour. Bags.
Previously in 1898 ...	147,818	191,841
Week ended October 22 ...	1,020	4,623
Total	148,838	196,464

The English wheat market was thus commented on by "Beerbohm" when last mail left:—

The firmness and animation in the trade this week was not unexpected by those who have carefully studied the situation, and who, in face of the persistent disinclination to sell on the part of nearly every exporting country, could foresee that the time would inevitably come when the actual need of wheat for immediate use would make itself felt. The expected pressure to sell new wheat which was confidently expected for September has, in fact, failed to take place, and the reason therefore is, no doubt, to be found in the exhaustion of old stocks on all hands. Thus we find this week that 32s has been paid for Californian due, whilst 30s 6d is obtainable for a due Walla. American wheats for immediate shipment have been in request at a premium of 1s 6d to 2s per quarter over October shipment, these being practically the only wheats obtainable, Russian sorts being held quite above current values here.

IMPORT MARKET.

Rather more activity was displayed to-day in nearly all departments of trade. In tea alone did absolute quietness prevail, there being stagnation both privately and in the public auction rooms. Eastern produce sold quietly at late rates in most lines. Further parcels of Rangoon rice have been taken up to arrive at a slight concession on spot values. Liquors were steadily sought after. Brewers' goods were very firm, especially as regards hops, which were quoted at firmer rates. Several good-sized parcels of wire nails changed hands, while fencing wire and galvanised iron also met with a considerable amount of attention. Linseed oil was subject to further speculative influences. Cream of tartar ruled very firm owing to recent short shipments.

Every now and then merchants have to complain of the extraordinarily early dates that bills of lading bear compared with the actual date of the departure of the vessels carrying the goods they represent. Sometimes cases of this character turn up that test ordinary endurance especially when it not infrequently means that the goods have to be paid for long before they arrive. To-day bills of lading were seen bearing date August 1, whereas the vessel did not leave until October 1, or two months later. As importers are drawn on either side at 60 or 90 days such disparity is a matter of considerable importance.

Tea.—Privately business was practically at a standstill. Private letters from Colombo state that the market there is barely supplied with tea, and prices are consequently high. It is thought that teas generally would find a very good market, and that no fall in values would be seen on this side of Christmas. Supplies are very little in excess of those of last year, while consumption is showing very visible signs of increasing. After that date a further improvement in prices is considered to be more likely than the reverse.

At the tea auction to-day at the City Mart a very small proportion of the catalogues was disposed of, there being no disposition on the part of the trade to make offers that came any way near vendors' ideas. The Euryalus brings 193,040lb. of tea from Calcutta to Sydney, and 117,170lb. for Melbourne.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, at the Exchange saleroom, on account of Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., the trustees of the estate of the late Mr. S. A. Joseph, and Messrs. Gollin and Co., 1675 packages of Chinas, 430 Ceylons, and 125 Kooloos.

Groceries.—Thirty cases of Keen's assorted mustard changed hands; 50 cases ¼ sardines, 2s; 10 cases Varey's hams, 10d; 10 cases Temple curry, 7½d; and a few truckloads of rock salt at 40s.

Eastern Produce.—Best Japan table rice sold at £17 10s and lower qualities at £16 10s. The Rangoon market was bare on spot at £9 5s to £9 10s. To arrive ex Clitus in about 10 days, about 25 tons have been taken up at a shade less. Sagos and tapiocas were in short supply, stocks having to be replenished from Melbourne. Seed and medium pearl sold at £10 10s to £11, and flaked at £11 to £11 10s. Whole white pepper was quoted at 9½d and whole black at 5½d. One ton of white sold at a concession. Nutmegs ranged between 1s 7d and 1s 9d, there being a little inquiry. Mace sold at 2s to 2s 3d, according to sample; Pimento, 6½d. Canary seed, £12 10s to £13; hemp seed, £20 to £21; rape seed, £13 10s to £14 10s. Coffee was pretty well neglected at 13d for best Ceylon plantation and 12d down to 9d for American. Chicory ranged between 2½d and 2¼d.

Brewers' Goods.—The hop market was very firm all round, stocks being small. Prices have also strengthened in all the producing centres. Contracts which were entered into in Californias at 9d some weeks back could not now be repeated at under 10½d. New season's Kents to arrive ex India have changed hands at 1s 7d to 1s 8d, while Tasmanians are quoted at 1s 6d on spot and New Zealands at about 1s 8d. Some old Californians are still available at 9½d, but for new crop to arrive, samples of which have already been received, 11d is asked. A very good idea of the state of the hop market in England is gained from Messrs. De Lissa, Sons, and Co.'s circular just to hand, which states:—

From reports taken all round it can be taken conclusively that the yield of hops this season will be considerably less than last year, and as a matter of course a much higher range of prices has been established. Unfortunately the decidedly unfavourable weather will set in at the beginning of this month—an almost tropical heat and an entire absence of rain—quite altered the favourable aspect in many of the gardens to which we had looked to make up the deficiency that existed in some of the less-favoured districts. This misfortune had the effect of completely stopping the later descriptions' growth, and caused the hops to ripen when but half the ordinary size. It is therefore estimated that the total yield will not exceed 350,000cwt., which shows an enormous deficiency when it is considered that the consumption of the United Kingdom is about 700,000cwt., and we can only look to Germany for say 65,000cwt., and the Pacific, &c., for about 140,000cwt. It is therefore apparent that there will be nearly 150,000cwt. deficiency, and as stocks in merchants' and brewers' hands are lower than usual it is most probable that much higher prices will rule.

Metallic Lines.—Fifty tons of fencing wire, Nos. 8 and 10, sold to arrive at £8 and £ 10s respectively. Barbed wire met with but little inquiry at late rates. 250 boxes of wire nails were placed to arrive ex Frederich der Grosse on private terms. 100 boxes of IC coke tinplates moved off at 12s 6d. In the aggregate 10 tons of sheet zinc moved off at £27. Files are offered freely at a concession on late market rates. Tanks met with some inquiry at 22s 6d for 100-gallon, 27s 6d for 200-gallon, and 38s 6d for 400-gallon. Fifty kegs of Pigou's blasting powder sold at 4½d ex magazine.

Jute Goods.—Cornsacks were more buoyant, and holders now ask 4s 5d to 4s 6d, the market having a firming tendency. Branbags were without alteration, and small lots of woolpacks sold at 1s 6d.

Oils.—Considerable parcels of linseed oil, covering several hundreds of drums, changed hands at 2s 2d and 2s 4d respectively for raw and boiled. Kerosene was firm at 7d.

Chemicals.—Cream of tartar was firm at 9½ on spot and 8½d to arrive.

The customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £3374. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1566; wine, £44; ale, porter, and beer, £26; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £66; sugar and molasses, £62; opium, £48; dried and candied fruits, £36; harbour and light rates, £15; pilotage, £11; colonial distilled spirits, £113; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £575; excise on beer, £168. Total, £3374.

EXPORT MARKET.

London Wool Market.—Dalgety and Co., Limited, report having received a cable, dated October 26, from London, as follows:—"Wool market steady."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 4900 bales of wool were manifested to arrive, 737 bales were received coastwise, and 732 bales came forward by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday last.

AMERICAN COMMERCIAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 6.

Business has been good during the past four weeks. Changes have not been numerous, nor fluctuations wide, so far as merchandise is concerned. The dried fruit market was quiet, and some grades lower. Raisins were held at the Association September prices. Buckeye salmon is out of the market. Scotch splint coal to dealers is now quoted at $8dol. per ton. Reference to the figures regarding the cargo of the Alameda will show that Australasia in this their summer season will receive large consignments of Californian products, fruit (fresh, canned, and dried), also onions, potatoes, salmon, and hops. Nearly all the shipments of the articles mentioned are larger than the average.

Mr. Harrison's coal circular says:—"Since the Moana left there have been the following deliveries of coal from Newcastle:—Pericles, 2067 tons; Gifford, 3434; Mario, 1930; Bundaleer, 1238; total, 8669 tons. There are at present under charter to load coal for here from Australia 33 vessels of about 80,000 tons capacity. Of these 10 are now afloat, and 23 are yet to be loaded. Three months ago there were 43 vessels chartered, with a tonnage capacity of 115,000 tons. This evidences a marked shrinkage in recent engagements owing to the high cost of colonial grades, which is gradually driving some of our large fuel consumers into other channels on grounds of economy. Crude oil is beginning again to assert itself as an economic steam producer. The latest cabled freight quotations from Australia report firmness for this year's loading, and gradually declining rates as months advance into 1899. Seasonable rains for this and next month will seriously disturb present asking prices. Recent showers omen well for us. Coast collieries are generous shippers, hence the cessation of the Australian deliveries would not cause a fuel famine here, as our northern mines are equipped to further increase their output to make good any deficit that may arise here. Colonial managers appear to be in no wise solicitous for our trade, as they propose advancing their f.o.b. prices fully 15 per cent. after January 1."

The steamer Alameda has the following cargo for Sydney:—11,144lb. alfalfa seed, 3644lb. beans, 182 cases canned goods, 5613 cases canned fruit, 975lb. of dried fruit, 50 barrels of flour, 101 sacks of Germea, 17 rolls leather, 4880lb. malt, 50 cases oil, 1283 boxes raisins, 6052 cases 33 barrels 471 half-barrels salmon. For Melbourne: 36,259lb. coffee, 42,434lb. hops.

The exports of canned goods by sea for September to Australasia were 21,928 cases. The exports of salmon were 12,832 cases; wines, 802 gallons; dried fruits, 46,326lb. During September 1676 flasks of quicksilver were received here.

The barque Edward May, which left here on September 30, has 17,700lb. hops for Sydney; also 176,000ft. lumber and 11,500 cases salmon. The barque Martha Fisher cleared on October 4 for Sydney with a cargo of 3000 cases salmon, 65 packages paints and oils, 4080lb. hops, 314,000ft. lumber, 16 barrels asphaltum.

Quotations to-day are as follows:—Coal, Australian gas, 7dol. and 7½dol.; quicksilver, 37dol. and 37dol. 50c.; flour, best extra, 4dol. 15c. to 4dol. 25c.; wheat, No. 1 milling, 1dol. 20c. to 1dol. 22½c.; wheat, No. 1 shipping, 1dol. 17c. to 1dol. 17½c.; barley, brewing, 1dol. 25c. to 1dol. 32½c.; hops, nominal, 11½c. to 15c.

Lumber shipments have been as follows:—September 8, Carrier Dove, from Port Blakeley to Melbourne, 907,730ft.; September 14, Muriel, Tacoma to Sydney, 597,301ft.; September 18, Olga, from Eureka to Sydney, 404,466ft.; September 20, Honoipu, Tacoma to Sydney, 642,130ft.; October 1, John C. Poper, Tacoma to Melbourne, 892,000ft.; October 2, Edward May, San Francisco to Sydney, 176,779ft.

New York clearances were:—For Sydney, steamer Elleric, 38,400 gallons petroleum, 80 barrels plaster, 53,679lb. manufacturing tobacco, 1220 gallons lubricating oil, 100 tons pig iron; for Melbourne, steamer Lisbah, 532,000 gallons petroleum; for Sydney, barque Invernell, 73,300 gallons petroleum, 270 barrels plaster; for Melbourne, steamer Elleric, 57,511 gallons lubricating oil; for Sydney, barque Invernell, 122 tons pig iron; for Adelaide, barque Magdalene, 89,040 gallons petroleum.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

SILVER.

LONDON, Oct. 26.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 4d per ounce standard.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

There is no alteration in the breadstuffs market. Very little wheat is offering, and sales are unimportant. The value is still 3s 5d to 3s 6d. Flour, £8 10s. Bran, 8½d.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The market for investment stocks is without important change, late quotations ruling generally. The sales reported were:—Victorian Government 3 per cent. inscribed stocks, £101 10s. English and Scottish Debentures, 17s. Commercial Bank preference shares, 83s. Bank of Victoria ordinary shares, 35s. Southern Insurance, 10s 9d. Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus, 11s 6d, 11s 7½d. Kitchen and Apollo, 18s. Mutual Store, 30s. Melbourne Hydraulic Power, 18s 3d. Jumbuna Coal preference, 5s. Outtrim and Howitt Coal, 4s 6d, 4s 8d.

Wheat is steady at 3s 6½d to 3s 7d. Leading brands of flour are selling at £8 15s to £9. Bran and pollard are firm at 8½d. Algerian oats are firmer. Light feed sold at 1s 8d to 1s 9d. Good feed sold at 1s 10d. Milling is nominal up to 2s. Maize, 2s 6d to 2s 6½d, ex wharf; chaff, £2 7s 6d to £2 10s; green, £2 12s 6d to £2 15s. Potatoes are quiet up to £11 10s. Sales of tea: 100 half-chests panyong, 5½d; 110 chests Ceylon, 6d to 6½d; 30 packages fannings, 5d; 50 chests Indian at 6½d. New currants, on the spot, 3½d. 200 boxes sultanas sold for export at 4½d f.o.b.; French cream of tartar, 95 per cent., 9d to 9½d; Crook's, 9¾d to 10d. Whiting, 55s; canary seed, £12 to £12 10s; woolpacks, 1s 6d; 250 boxes I.C coke tinplates, 12s 6d.

DAIRYING NEWS.

CORAKI, Thursday.

The Australian Dairying Company's factory will open about the middle of November. Arrangements have been made to celebrate the same by a monster picnic and banquet in the evening.

MOSS VALE, Thursday.

During the month of September the Emu Dairy Factory separated 15,457 gallons of milk, the price paid to suppliers being up to 3½d per gallon. The price of butter fat for the month was 8d per lb., and of butter 7½d per lb.

PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

From a business point of view operations in general produce were of a restricted character. Apart from the activity prevailing in maize the markets were rather quiet in all departments. A rise of 2d per bushel in maize was the only change of importance in prices. The position assumed by some holders yesterday as regards maize was fully justified. To-day buyers were prepared to operate at advanced rates. Sales were reported as high as 2s 8d for both river and American maize. As there seems to be some misunderstanding about the New York maize it may be mentioned that the bulk of it is not kiln dried. About 50 tons of this class of maize was placed at 2s 8d. Oats were a trifle weaker, the inquiry being nominal. In sympathy with the rise in milling wheat feed varieties ruled firmer. Both bran and pollard were dull of sale. For the former lower rates were freely accepted. Imported chaff moved slowly at slightly reduced prices. Owing to the heavy stocks on the wharfs combined with the good supplies coming forward the prospects of the markets are not too bright. Lucerne had steady sale at a reduction on yesterday's prices. Tasmanian straw ruled a trifle dearer. Potatoes were less plentiful, the demand being brisker for old sorts at £9. No change occurred in onions, which were scarce. Business in dairy produce was rather quiet owing to this being an "off day." Prices, however, underwent no quotable alteration.

Wholesale quotations were:—

PADDINGTON'S MARKET.

Oats.—Prime New Zealand, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d; milling oats, 2s 4d. Local: Best available, 2s 5d to 2s 5½d per bushel.
Maize.—Prime quoted at 2s 7d to 2s 8d per bushel.
Barley.—Cape barley, dull, 2s 5d per bushel.
Peas.—Blue, prime, 4s 9d; grey, 3s 9d per bushel.
Chickwheat.—Prime, 2s 8d to 2s 9d per bushel.

FORAGE MARKET.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime dry green, £2; medium, £1 15s to £1 17s 6d. Inland: Medium, £1 15s; prime, £2; small bales, £2 15s per ton.
Hay.—Local oaten in bundles, prime, £4; medium, £3 5s to £3 12s 6d; chaffing varieties, £2 10s to £2 15s per ton.
Straw.—Derrick-pressed, £1 10s; special lots, £2 5s 6d; imported, £1 17s 6d; local bundled, £1 10s to £1 17s 6d per ton.
Chaff.—Imported: Medium, £3; prime, £3 5s; extra prime green, £3 7s 6d. Local: Prime, £3 10s good medium, £2 15s to £3 per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

The market was rather quiet. Bran was quoted at 7½d and pollard at 8d per bushel.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Butter.—Finest creamery, 9d; factory, choice, 8d to 8½d; dairy, 6d to 7d. Farmers' Co-operative Company quote creamery, 9d; Berry Creamery, 9d; Foley Brothers quote best creamery 9d; Berrima Company quote finest creamery 9d; F. and I. Co. quote pasteurised butter at 9½d per lb.
Cheese.—Loaf, 6½d; large, 6d to 6½d; Bodalla, 6½d; New Zealand, large 5½d, medium 6d to 6½d per lb.
Eggs.—Good demand. North, 6½d to 6¾d; south, 7d to 7½d per dozen.
Bacon and Hams.—Hand-cured, prime, 7d; second-class, 6½ to 6½d; middles, 7½ to 8d; mild cured sides, 7d; farmers' lots, 5d; Bodalla, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middles 8d; local hams, in cloth, 8d to 8½d; New Zealand, mild cured, choice, 9d; English, 9½d to 10d per lb.
Poultry.—Fowls, 2s 9d to 3s 6d, prime 3s 6d to 3s 9d; ducks, 3s to 3s 3d, choice 3s 6d to 3s 9d; Muscovy ducks, 4s to 5s; geese, 5s to 6s; turkeys, cocks 8s to 12s, hens 5s to 6s 6d per pair.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Imported: New Zealand, £9. Local: Prime £9; New River potatoes, prime £9; Queensland to £8 per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d; very choice, 3d per lb.
Beeswax.—Choice, 1s per lb.
Onions.—American prime, £14 10s; local, new, quoted prime £4 per ton.
Cherries.—A few 12s to 14s per quarter case.
Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 5d to 5½d; bulk, 4½d per lb.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Small supply. Good demand. Firewood, good, 9s 6d to 11s; rough, 7s to 8s; bundles, good, 10s to 11s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s; billet, 8s to 8s 6d; inferior, 6s to 7s; bakers' split, good 7s to 8s; inferior, 6s to 6s 6d; large rough, 6s to 6s 6d; dry, 8s 6d to 9s per ton.

REDFERN SALES.

At the Redfern terminus markets this morning only a light supply of produce was submitted at auction. Prime green oil hay chaff made 3s 6d, medium samples going at 2s 9d. New wheaten hay chaff, from Nevertire, consigned to Robert Little and Co., found a buyer at 3s 7d. Prime oaten hay brought 4s and medium 3s 4d. Inferior quality was hard to sell at low rates. Wheaten sheaves were cheaper, the demand being steady at 1s 3d to 1s 5d. Prime dry green lucerne in small bales had attention at 2s 9d. Medium samples in trusses were knocked down at 1s 6d.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—Advt.

Foley Brothers, Limited, Sussex-st.—Creamery Butter, Waratah, Crookwell, Candelo, Central, Kameruka; Cheese.—Advt.

FARMERS' CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343-345 Sussex-street.—Advt.

Berrima District Farm and Dairy Co., Ld., Harris-street, Sydney; Robertson, Mittagong; and North Coast Co-operative Co.'s Prime Creamery Butter, fresh daily; Bacon A in circle brand; Cheese, Eggs, &c., &c., for sale.—Advt.

A few bundles of rye straw sold at 3s 9d. Feed oats were in request at 2s 3½d per bushel. Both bran and pollard were dull of sale at low prices.

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions of produce actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 6 trucks; lucerne, 5; hay, 5; bran, 2; straw, 1; oats, 1; sheaves, 4; and pollard, 1.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. Robert Little and Co., S. R. Bond, H. Prescott and Co., Heaton Brothers, J. Bridge and Co., John W. Gray and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., Dent and Perry, George Wells and Matthews, Ellis and Co., and A. M'Arthur and Co.

Supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From Dewar, Guyra, (truck No. 1400) 3s 6d; Burey, (19) passed; Basham, Springhill, (7816 and 8806) 2s 9d; Mack and Austin, Narromine, (7986) 3s 3d; Campbell, Nevertire, (219) 3s 7d per cwt; Williams, Merambura, (3778) passed.

Hay.—From Toole, Tarana, (881) passed; T. Pratley, (5561) 4s and 3s 4d; Jameson, Rydal, (2704) passed; Mitchell, Picton, (2364) passed; Walker, Rydal, (5637) passed.

Lucerne.—From Johnson, Mulgrave, (8277) 1s 6d; May, (4903) 1s 6d; Marks, Mudgee, (6782 and 2226) 2s 9d per cwt.; Lonergan, (930) passed.

Wheaten Sheaves.—From Butterworth, (2168) 1s 3d; Farlow, (906) passed; Armstrong, (4914) 1s 4d; Onus, Richmond, (2190) 1s 5d per cwt.

Bran.—From Chicken, Corowa, (1053) passed; Black and Son, Molong, (9271) part 7½d per bushel.

Pollard.—From M'Gee and Quinn, Parkes, (2282) passed.

Rye Straw.—From Hayes, Mulgrave, (2403) 3s 9d per cwt.

Oats.—From Lambert, Tarana, (4495) 2s 3½d per bushel.

Potatoes.—From Lambert, Tarana, (4495) 9s 2d per cwt.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Owing to this being an "off day" business in the fruit trade at the Bathurst-street markets this morning was quiet. Light supplies of most kinds of seasonable fruits were under offer. Cherries were offered freely at 12s to 14s per quarter-case.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Local: Second crop, 2s 6d to 3s; good, 4s to 5s, choice 6s; windfalls, inferior 2s, good 2s 6d to 4s; small and rough, pulled, 3s to 4s; packing sorts, 5s to 7s; good medium, 7s to 8s; prime clean, 9s; choice thin-skinned, 10s to 11s gincase.

Lemons.—Local rough, 3s 6d to 4s; medium, 5s to 6s 6d; choice, 6s 6d; second crop, 4s to 7s per gincase.

Pines.—Common, choice 7s 6d to 9s; Queens, 7s to 6s per case.

Passionfruit.—Inferior, 5s to 6s; good, 8s to 10s; prime, 12s to 15s a gincase; choice, 9s to 10s per half-case.

Cocoanuts.—6s to 6s 6d per bag.

Mandarins.—Medium, 6s to 8s; prime, 10s to 12s; choice, 14s to 16s; second crop, 5s to 6s; good, 8s to 9s per gincase.

Bananas.—Choice, 3s to 4s; others, 2s to 2s 6d per bunch. Queensland: Cases, 10s.

Loquats.—Small, 4s to 5s; medium, 6s to 8s; choice, 10s a half-gincase.

Strawberries.—Local, 6d to 1s 6d; extra choice, 2s per quart.

Apples.—Tasmanian apples: Prime samples Scarlets, small 8s to 10s, good 11s to 14s, choice to 16s; Crabs, 10s to 11s, inferior 8s to 9s; Sturmers 9s to 11s, choice 12s to 15s per case.

Cherries.—A few, 12s to 14s per quarter-case.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

A good supply of vegetables was under offer at the Belmore markets this morning. All lines were in fair request at quotations.

Prices were as follow:—Cauliflowers, inferior, 1s to 2s 6d, good 3s to 4s 6d, extra large 5s to 6s; cabbage to 1s, good 1s 6d to 2s, choice 2s 6d; peas, 2s to 2s 6d; broad beans, 9d to 1s; French beans, local, 3s to 3s 6d, Queensland and Clarence River 1s 6d per bushel; horse radish, 7s to 9s; asparagus, 3s to 5s; beetroot, 8d; mint, 8d; sage, 8d; all herbs, 8d; plain spinach, 6d; eschalots, 1s to 1s 3d; leeks, 1s to 1s 3d; white turnips, 1s to 1s 3d; parsnips, 1s; rhubarb, 1s to 2s; watercress, 1s 6d to 2s; celery, scarce, 3s; radishes, 6d to 8d; carrots, 6d to 7d per dozen bunches; lettuces, 6d to 1s; endive, 6d; greenstuff, 4d; horse carrots, 4d per dozen bunches; chillies, 1s per quart; Early Rose potatoes, 1s 9d to 2s; kidney potatoes, 2s 6d; sweet potatoes, 1s to 1s 3d per quarter; tomatoes, choice, 5s per quarter-case; Globe artichokes, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; vegetable marrows 1s 6d to 2s 6d; pumpkins, 4s to 5s; cucumbers, Queensland, 1s to 2s per dozen.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

Sheep.—50,852 were yarded, the quality generally being medium to good, with a sprinkling of prime. The market opened to a good attendance of buyers, including the Sydney Meat Preserving Company, who operated largely. Shorn sheep were well in evidence, constituting the better half of the supply. The better descriptions of this class met with good demand at slightly improved values, while the medium and inferior classes were easier. Woolly sheep were not affected so much. Prime sorts were firm throughout, and lower qualities showed little alteration. Lambs were within requirements, and sold at an advance of from 6d to 1s per head. Prime crossbred wethers (wool) to 12s; good, 9s 6d to 10s 6d; medium, 7s to 9s; prime crossbred ewes (wool), to 10s 6d; extra, to 11s 6d; good, 8s to 9s; medium, 6s 6d to 7s 6d; prime merino wethers (wool), 11s 6d to 12s 6d; good, 9s to 10s; medium, 7s to 8s; prime merino ewes, 9s to 10s; good, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; medium, 5s 6d to 6s 6d; prime crossbred wethers (shorn), 9s to 9s 10d; good, 8s to 7s; medium, 6s to 5s; prime crossbred ewes (shorn), 6s 6d to 7s 6d; good, 4s 6d to 5s 6d; prime merino wethers (shorn), to 8s 6d, few 8s 9d; extra, 9s 3d; good (shorn), 5s to 5s 6d; medium and inferior, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; prime merino ewes (shorn), to 6s 6d, few 7s; good, 4s to 5s; prime lambs, 8s 6d to 10s 6d; good, 6s to 7s 6d; medium, 5s.

Cattle.—680 were yarded, the bulk of which were from the North, with one lot of 100 from Queensland. The quality generally was fair to good, with a proportion of prime. The market opened firm to a good attendance of buyers, and as sales progressed values hardened, finishing up strong with a small rise in prices. Prime yards of bullocks to £7 15s, extra £7 18s; good, £6 10s to £6 15s; medium, £5 to £5 15s; prime yards of cows to £5, few £5 5s; good, £3 to £4; medium, £2 10s.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—2 bullocks for F. Burden to £6 18s, averaging £6 5s, 5 steers at £4 6s, 3 cows at £4; 19 bullocks for W. Conner to £6 7s, averaging £6 3s 11d, 2 bullocks at £5 6s, 1 bullock at £4 14s; 3 steers for Mrs. Comerford at £4 18s, 7 cows at £3 10s; 101 wethers for A. R. Glen at 9s 11d; 44 wethers for Mr. M. Ousby at 9s 7d, 20 ewes at 8s 10d, 31 lambs at 8s 4d; 100 ewes for J. Cole at 9s, 100 shorn wethers for J. M'Lean at 7s 2d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—105 crossbred ewes for H. B. Coward at 11s, 94 (seconds) at 10s, 29 ewes (culls) at 9s; 154 wethers for J. Smith at 10s 4d, 26 (seconds) at 9s 11d; 233 ewes for J. Geddes at 9s, 67 seconds at 8s 2d; 778 wethers (shorn) for J. Patrick at 6s 2d to 6s 6d, 119 (seconds) at 5s 8d, 466 ewes (shorn) at 6s 4d; 55 wethers for Morgan Brothers at 8s 10d, 194 ewes at 7s 10d, 67 mixed at 7s 10d; 444 wethers (shorn) for E. H. Moulder at 6s to 6s 2d, 66 at 5s 7d, 20 crossbred wethers (shorn) at 6s 11d, 11 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 6s 11d; 101 ewes for A. and N. Miller at 8s 3d; 1 wether (pet, shorn) for J. Sleier at 10s 6d, 5 crossbred wethers (shorn) at 7s, 96 merino wethers (shorn) at 6s 3d; 272 ewes (shorn) for Mrs. A. Turnbull at 5s 7d; 317 ewes (shorn) for executors J. Stinson at 4s 11d; 94 wethers for Kirkland Brothers; 90 lambs (suckers) for H. Y. Cowell at 9s, 21 at 8s 1d to 8s 11d, 25 at 7s; 30 lambs (ewes) for Morgan Brothers at 10s 10d, 83 at 6s 1d, 53 at 8s 11d to 9s 2d; 33 lambs (suckers) for Mrs. A. Turnbull at 8s 1d to 8s 6d, 14 hoggets (shorn) at 5s 6d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—518 wethers for R. E. L. Finlay at 12s 6d, 10 (injured) at 12s; 476 wethers for Peter Rafferty at 12s 5d to 12s 6d; 324 crossbred wethers for F. H. Bloomfield at 11s 10d to 12s, 125 (seconds) at 10s 10d, 447 crossbred ewes at 10s 5d, 28 (seconds) at 8s 11d; 660 wethers for Brooke Brothers at 11s 3d, 274 at 9s 3d to 10s; 484 wethers for L. Finlay at 9s 6d, 120 (seconds) at 9s; 141 wethers for Buchanan and Smith at 9s 11d, 224 ewes at 8s 11d, 26 at 8s; 354 wethers for J. Keogh at 9s 6d; 2 stags for Henry Scott at 10s 1d, 5 ewes at 9s 1d, 181 at 8s 1d; 689 wethers (shorn) for F. Wentworth at 7s 2d to 7s 6d, 113 (shorn, seconds) at 6s 1d, 572 ewes at 7s 3d to 7s 6d; 257 crossbred wethers (shorn) for G. Bardwell at 8s 4d, 573 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 6s 2d, 228 ewes (shorn) at 4s 5d; 604 shorn wethers for R. Holland at 5s 6d to 6s 6d, 331 (seconds) at 4s 9d to 5s, 106 at 4s 6d; 15 shorn wethers for J. W. Evans at 8s 9d, 42 at 4s 10d, 113 shorn ewes at 4s 5d, 270 at —; 200 crossbreds for W. J. Regan at 8s, 100 ewes at 7s; 87 crossbred rams for B. C. Taylor at —; 454 shorn ewes for Joseph Green at 4s; 999 shorn ewes for C. E. Evans at —; 999 shorn wethers for R. and A. Scott at 5s to 5s 2d; 14 lambs for Buchanan and Smith at 8s 6d, 9 at 7s 2d; 61 lambs for Henry Scott at 9s 2d, 16 hoggets at 7s 9d, 30 suckers at 5s; 30 bullocks for Northern agents to £7 9s, averaging £7 0s 2d, 20 to £7 2s, averaging £6 12s 1d; 1 cow for J. Taylor at £4, 12 vealers to £3 10s, averaging £2 9s 7d.

Messrs. Ellis and Co. report at their Sydney stock sale-yards.—Milch cows at £2 to £6, fat cows at £2 14s to £4 17s; 11 fat calves for Hogan at 10s to 42s; 10 fat calves for Murphy at 10s to 33s each; 48 fat pigs for Stewart at 15s to 50s; 30 fat pigs for Rowley at 36s to 67s; 15 fat pigs for Silk at 18s to 44s; 30 for various owners at 9s 9d to 25s 6d each; 30 store pigs for Harris at 9s to 20s 6d each.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—300 wethers (shorn) for J. A. Buckland at 7s 3d, 701 at 6s 5d; 322 wethers (shorn) for J. M'Gowan at 8s 9d, 596 at 8s 2d, 78 at 8s 1d; 130 wethers (shorn) for Raby Estate at 7s 3d, 192 at 6s 10d; 318 wethers (shorn) for Mrs. L. A. Vaughan at 6s to 6s 1d, 66 at 5s 6d; 1 wether (woolly) for J. Nalld at 8s 5d, 100 wethers (shorn) at 6s, 283 at 5s 8d to 5s 11d; 480 wethers for J. Triggs at 10s, 50 at 9s, 1 (cripple) at 7s; 13 mixed sheep for Mrs. Male at 10s 5d, 30 ewes at 8s 1d, 19 lambs at 8s 1d, 15 at 5s 9d, 15 at 4s 3d; 20 bullocks for W. Nicholl to £5 10s, averaging £5 13s 7d, 3 cows at 5s 6d; 9 bullocks for J. A. Buckland at £5 8s, 20 calves to £1 19s, averaging £1 15s 6d; 13 heifers for Mrs. A. Edwards to £5 3s, averaging £2 5s 9d, 1 bull at £2 9s; 27 bullocks for S. Deveridge to £6 12s, averaging £6 10s 4d; 22 bullocks for R. Buffier to £7 5s, averaging £6 13s 9d; 12 bullocks for Northern agents at £5 15s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—21 bullocks for A. W. and F. A. Alford to £6 5s, averaging £6 2s 9d; 10 bullocks for Northern agents to £6 14s, averaging £6 13s 2d; 1 cow for F. Harkness at £3 8s; 75 crossbred wethers for W. Schons at 11s 4d, 20 crossbred ewes at 11s 4d, 179 at 9s 10d; 436 merino wethers for P. J. Whiteman at 10s 6d to 10s 10d, 489 at 9s 4d, 18 merino rams at 10s 1d, 6 merino wethers (cripp ed) at 8s; 500 merino wethers for Western agents at 10s 7d; 15 Lincoln rams for J. Nevin at 9s; 83 crossbred wethers for N. Wilson at 10s; 452 merino wethers for V. Whelan at 9s 4d; 45 merino wethers (shorn) for J. Dickie at 9s 8d, 25 at 5s 6d, 166 merino ewes (shorn) at 6s 10d, 668 at 5s 3d, 17 at 4s 6d; 100 wethers for T. and G. Barnes at 8s 1d; 7 crossbred rams (shorn) for C. Hazel at 5s 6d, 70 wethers (shorn) at 5s, 54 ewes (shorn) at 5s; 1 crossbred ram (shorn) for Miss I. F. J. Horton at 5s, 30 merino wethers (shorn) at 4s 3d, 47 merino ewes (shorn) at 4s; 2 lambs for C. Hazell at 10s, 9 at 7s, 103 (shorn) at 6s 4d to 6s 6d, 46 at 4s 11d to 5s 1d; 5 lambs for N. Wilson at 9s 3d; 38 lambs (shorn) for Miss I. F. J. Horton at 6s 7d to 6s 11d.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—65 wethers (shorn) for executors J. Leitch at 8s 5d, 722 at 8s 11d to 7s 4d, 23 at 6s 1d; 300 crossbred wethers (shorn) for T. Robertson at 7s 1d, 426 at 5s 1d to 5s 4d, 201 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 5s 1d, 262 at 4s 11d; 319 crossbred ewes for S. Learmonth at 5s 6d, 682 merino ewes at 5s 5d; 551 wethers for H. Parslow at 9s 2d, 127 at 8s 1d, 74 wethers (shorn) at 5s 6d; 74 ewes (shorn) for executors T. Baillie at 5s; 42 crossbred wethers for A. Stafford at 10s, 10 wethers at 8s, 187 crossbred ewes at 9s 2d, 20 lambs at 9s 9d, 1 sucker at 7s, 21 lambs at 6s 8d; 208 wethers for M. Brennan at 10s 9d, 8 crossbred ewes at 10s 6d, 51 ewes at 9s 5d; 181 ewes for J. Campbell at 7s 6d, 12 crossbred suckers at 7s; 4 crossbred ewes for G. W. Terry at 7s, 89 ewes at 7s, 2 crossbred hoggets at 6s 7d, 7 lambs at 4s 1d; 49 bullocks for F. W. Armytage to £7 5s, averaging £6 1s, 41 cows to £5 8s, average £4 9s 8d; 4 bullocks for Haddon Downs station at £7 2s, 1 at £7, 4 cows at £4 11s; 1 bullock for Kerroongooloo station at £7 14s; 1 cow for Mount Howitt station at £4 13s.

Messrs. Henderson Brothers.—201 wethers (shorn) for Thomas Coutts at 5s 3d, 827 ewes (shorn) at 5s.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son.—18 merino wethers for J Bourke at 10s 7d, 83 merino ewes at 8s; 14 merino ewes for C. Bailey at 9s, 140 shorn merino wethers at 6s 6d to 6s 7d, 77 at 5s 1d to 5s 3d, 310 shorn merino ewes at 5s 2d; 430 merino wethers for Menzies Brothers at 8s 5d, 10 merino ewes at 8s 5d; 498 shorn merino wethers for J. Houston at 7s 1d to 7s 6d, 4 shorn merino stags at 6s 6d, 96 shorn merino ewes at 5s 6d; 1 merino ewe for M. A. Bolger at 8s 4d, 388 shorn merino wethers at 5s 7d to 5s 11d, 147 shorn merino ewes at 4s 7d; 3 shorn crossbred rams for T. B. Moreland at 5s 1d, 3 merino ewes at 7s 4d, 121 shorn crossbred wether hoggets at 4s 7d to 5s, 138 shorn crossbred ewe hoggets at 4s 6d, 98 shorn merino wethers at 3s 5d, 80 shorn merino ewes at 3s 5d, 2 shorn merino stags at 3s 5d, 107 shorn crossbred ewe hoggets at 3s 2d; 36 shorn merino rams for J. H. Spiller at 5s, 6 shorn merino stags at 5s, 533 shorn merino wethers at 5s 10d to 5s 11d; 134 shorn merino ewes for W. G. Liddle at 4s 4d, 73 at 3s 6d, 56 shorn merino hoggets at 3s 10d, 15 shorn merino wethers at 3s 10d; 68 merino lambs (suckers) for J. Houston at 5s 7d, 2 shorn merino lambs at 5s; 88 crossbred lambs (suckers) for T. B. Moreland at 5s 3d, 26 (shorn) at 4s 2d, 21 (suckers) at 3s 10d; 44 shorn merino lambs for W. G. Liddle at 4s 10d to 5s.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—17 rams for M'Gill and Co. at 14s 2d, 216 merino wethers at 11s 2d, 9 crossbred wethers at 10s 10d, 281 merino wethers at 10s, 68 merino ewes at 9s 8d, 195 crossbred ewes at 9s 7d, 12 (shorn) at 6s 9d; 301 merino wethers for Coombing Park Estate at 11s 1d to 11s 4d, 406 at 10s 2d; 124 rams for J. Grant at 11s 1d, 13 crossbred rams at 11s, 745 merino wethers at 10s 6d, 27 merino ewes at 9s, 150 merino wethers at 8s 10d, 30 merino ewes (shorn) at 5s; 20 crossbred wether hoggets for Western agents at 9s 1d, 42 crossbred ewe hoggets at 8s 11d, 177 merino ewes at 8s 6d; 867 merino wethers for H. J. C. Terry, 184 merino wethers; 180 merino wethers (shorn) for R. Dowling at 8s 6d, 209 at 7s; 7 crossbred wethers (shorn) Q. M'Baffie at 7s, 44 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 7s, 261 merino ewes (shorn) at 5s 8d; 23 crossbred ewes (shorn) for J. Wood at 5s 7d, 10 crossbred wethers (shorn) at 5s 7d, 189 merino wethers (shorn), at 5s 8d, to 5s 6d 68 merino ewes shorn at 4s 11d; 8 lambs for M'Gill and Co. at 7s 5d; 19 suckers for Western agents at 6s 4d, 45 at 6s 10d to 6s 4d; 30 bullocks for T. Chapman to £6 14s averaging £6 7s; 10 bullocks for J. M'Gill and Co. at £ 14s, 13 cows to £5, averaging £4 10s 3d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—21 stags for A. Cambour at 10s, 50 rams at 5s 1d; 252 crossbred wethers (shorn) for Bullenbong station at 8s 11d, 249 crossbred ewes (shorn) at 8s 2d, 911 wethers (shorn) at 8s 6d to 8s 9d; 210 wethers for F. Smith at 8s 11d, 11 wethers at 7s 6d, 66 wethers (shorn) at 6s 2d; 4 ewes for J. K. Fleming at 10s, 271 ewes at 9s 2d; 240 ewes for J. Wilson at 8s 6d, 15 wethers at 8s 6d, 44 ewes at 7s 6d; 30 wethers for W. L. Warby at 9s 4d, 11 crossbred wethers and ewes at 9s 4d, 75 ewes at 7s 2d; 442 wethers, ewes, and hoggets for Southern agents at 7s 1d; 633 wethers (shorn) for C. A. Haley at 6s 5d to 6s 6d; 12 wether hoggets (shorn) for E. Larkin at 6s 11d, 31 ewes at 4s 11d; 433 crossbred wethers for C. Binnie at 12s, 142 crossbred ewes at 11s 5d, 62 at 10s 5d; 72 ewes for Western agents at 11s 11d, 287 at 10s 1d, 160 at 9s 10d; 90 wethers for E. C. Barbour at 11s 7d, 180 at 11s 4d; 784 wethers for J. Hay at 10s 6d to 10s 9d, 115 at 9s 6d; 2 crossbred wethers for G. Binnie at 11s, 525 at 10s 1d; 1744 wethers for Marfield station at 10s 7d, 208 at 9s, 241 rams at 9s 6d; 450 wethers for A. Dalgleish at 9s 7d; 1267 crossbred ewes at J. Lander at 9s 9d to 10s 1d, 267 crossbred wethers at 9s 9d, 267 crossbred ewes at 8s 7d, 1 crossbred wether at 6s; 1367 ewes (shorn) for Bunniegully Station at 4s 9d, 32 wethers (shorn) for J. A. E. Horton at 4s 1d; 3 lambs for J. K. Fleming at 9s 9d; 6 lambs for W. L. Warby at 8s 9d; 44 lambs for E. Larkin at 6s; 147 ram lambs (suckers) for Western agents at 5s 3d, 10 lambs for J. A. E. Horton at 5s, 14 at 4s 4d, 57 at 3s to 3s 4d; 16 lambs for J. Lander at 6s, 31 at 4s 9d; 17 bullocks for Northern agents to £8 averaging £6 17s 9d; 54 bullocks for E. Vickery and Sons to £7 8s, averaging £6 19s 3d; 60 bullocks for A. A. Company to £7 14s, averaging £6 17s 0d; 40 bullocks for A. A. Company to £7 2s, averaging £6 15s; 43 bullocks for A. R. and F. Bowman to £6 16s, averaging £6 10s 0d; 22 bullocks for W. H. Duckham to £6 6s, averaging £6 1s 7d.

THE CITY YARDS.

Fat Calves.—1211 calves penned this week, the bulk of those forward being of indifferent quality, very few prime sorts being offered. Market opened firm, to a full attendance of the trade, and the supply proving well within requirements. Competition was particularly brisk, and values hardened until a nice improvement was noticeable. Prime young vealers especially sold well. Quotations: Prime and heavy yearlings, 50s to 56s 6d, extra prime to 71s, good and heavy 41s to 48s; prime young vealers, 38s to 46s 6d, good 28s to 35s, medium sorts 22s 6d to 26s; poddies, best, 20s; others, from 12s 6d. We sold 20 from Gunnedah to 50s, averaging 44s 5d.

Fat Pigs.—The supply of pigs yarded this week, viz., 1410, was the lightest for some time, and was well within requirements. Baconers: Competition for this class of pig has been keen, but values, excepting for heavy descriptions, are a shade easier; for heavy sorts prices, if anything, are a shade better. Porkers: Considerable improvement has to be recorded for porkers this week, the number forward being insufficient for requirements. Buyers, as usual, operated more freely on light prime pigs, about 60lb., than heavier sorts, although the latter sold well. Quotations: Big heavy back-fat pigs, 55s to 70s; odd beasts, 75s; prime and heavy baconers, 48s to 53s 6d; good, 42s to 46s; lighter, 36s to 40s; others from 31s; best porkers, 28s; good, 20s to 24s 6d; others from 17s. At per lb. baconers made 4d to 4½d; heavy porkers, 4½d; light prime sorts, 4½d. Stores forward in light numbers, and selling well. Best, 15s to 18s; good, 11s 6d to 14s; others from 8s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, sold 20 fat calves from Gunnedah to 50s, averaging 44s 5d; and 120 pigs from the rivers and local senders, one line of 11 from Hornsby making to £3 15s, and averaged £3 2s 6d, the highest average obtained for years for a similar number.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—192 pigs per steamer making to 53s.

Messrs. William Inglis and Son report:—Milch cows: The supply this week was a small one, and those forward were principally of inferior quality, consequently bidding was dull. Good cows are still in demand, and sell readily. Best made from £7 10s; good, £5 to £6; medium, £5 10s to £4 10s; inferior, £2 to £3. We sold 45 at the above quotations, also 10 dry and fat cattle at from £1 18s to £6 4s. Calves: We sold 37 from Camden, small and young, at 7s 6d to 15s; 20 from Campbelltown at 10s to 29s 6d; 20 in small lots from various owners at 7s to 26s. Pigs: We sold 92 from Dunsog at 14s 9d to 32s, 75 from Camden at 17s 6d to 55s 6d, 15 from St. Marys at 20s to 37s 6d, 30 from suburban owners in small lots at 14s to 55s 6d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry sold 25 fat calves from Trangie to £1 11s, averaging £1 11s 2d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers report.—Sold over 400 pigs at the above prices, and comprising the following lots:—8 from the Richmond River to £2 3s 6d; 7 from the Clyde River to £2; 26 from the Clarence River to £2 9s 6d; 37 from the Hastings River to £2 10s 6d; 17 from the Macleay River to £2 8s 6d; 15 from the Nambucca River to £2 4s 6d; 16 from Bega to £2 6s; 7 from Guildford to £2 1s; 16 from Merrylands to £2 7s 6d; 30 from the Hunter River to £2 15s, 14 from Corambo to £2 10s; 165 from the Manning River to £3 10s; 54 from Singleton to £2 6s; 24 from local constituents at top prices.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. sold nearly 300 pigs, comprising the following lots: 76 from the South Coast to £2 15s; 59 from the Richmond River to £2 14s; 40 from the Clarence River to £2 14s; 32 from the Manning River to £2 11s 6d; 56 from the Hunter River to £2 2s 6d; 34 by rail to £1 4s 6d; and other small drafts at full rates. Also 1 truck calves from Goulburn to 37s, averaging £1 2s 8d.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association report that wool sales were held to-day (Thursday) at the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, when the quantity catalogued totalled 5440 bales, and the sales amounted to 5396 bales, as under:—

Name.	Offered at Auction.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately ex Catalogue.	Privately Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.	2,395	2,201	128	524	2,853
Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd.	3,045	2,433	110	—	2,543
Totals	5,440	4,634	238	524	5,396

The catalogues to-day contained some very choice samples of wool, and as a whole were more attractive than those of the preceding day. This contributed to the very brisk market which ruled, and, except for very burry and faulty parcels, which still showed irregularity, prices, though showing no actual improvement, were more steady. For the best lots the demand was very strong, and medium descriptions also met a satisfactory market. Good lambs also sold with an improved demand; the lower qualities, broken, pieces, and bellies, as well as "star" lots, were very firm at late quotations.

Scoured was only represented by two small lines and a few "star" lots.

In the greasy division the best price of the day and of the week was 10½d, secured for 22 bales super combing of the Liangollen brand, from Cassilis, 32 bales first combing bringing 9¾d and 52 bales 8½d. This was a most attractive clip, excellently got up, the super combing showing a lofty, well-grown staple, with great brightness and lustre. The first combing was also a very nice sample, but carried a little more condition, and the clothing though very good was a trifle long in the staple. The B over Rosago clip, from Muswellbrook, sold to 9¾d for 70 bales of good shafty sound free wool, 17 bales of crossbred selling at 9½d, and 10 bales first pieces at 8½d. Of the Fleming Bros. over Doreen mark, from Narrabri, 30 bales first combing sold at 9½d, the second combing bringing 9¾d, and the first clothing the same price. This clip was very light, of perfect colour, free and sound, but a little chalky. The flat of lambs of good length, light, and free made 8½d. The Star F reversed L conjoined brand, from Scone, sold to 7½d for 27 bales, 34 bales bringing 8¾d, and 12 bales 8d. This was an attractive wool, well grown, of very good quality, but showing a few seeds. The JFH over TEMI also sold to 9½d for 8 bales, 22 bales realising 9d, and 33 bales 8¾d. The clip showed very good quality and was soft, free, and sound. A line marked Bocamurra over Sir, from Coonah, realised up to 9½d for 11 bales of very fine, sicky, sound, and fair conditioned wool which, however, carried a few burrs. At 9d 91 bales of the BMO mark, from Jupiong, sold, 67 bales bringing 8½d. This wool was of nice quality and carefully prepared, 6 bales of first lambs making 8½d. Another lot at 9d was the WH over Aurora Park, from Parkes, 13 bales selling at this price and 4 bales at 8½d. This wool was of nice quality, bright, of good quality and well skirted. The following lots were also sold: 7 bales Wh over Frumavale, from Gilgandra, deep grown and sound, but a little burry, at 8½d; 28 bales A bell in diamond over Scone, of good quality and well grown, but with a few burrs, at 8½d; 7 bales combing, 4 bales clothing of P over R, from Inverell, of good colour, soft handle, free and sound, at 8½d; 14 bales JX over Therribri, from Boggabri, in light condition, of good quality, and sound, at 8½d; 10 bales SH over Iolanthe, from Moree, of clear staple, good quality and colour and free, at 8½d; 84 bales JS over MDC, from Willow Tree, of good quality, soft, free and attractive, at 8½d; 8 bales, DF over Lemon Grove, from Muswellbrook, at 8½d; 4 bales, OC over Ashfield, from Muswellbrook, at 8½d; 15 bales, CAB, from Narrabri mine, at 8½d and 14 bales at 8d; G over MH Gundy, 5 bales at 8d; Connie Warra over ACW, from Wellington, 16 bales at 8d; Whalan, from Moree, 17 bales at 8d and 7 bales first pieces at the same price; MS over Eulomo, from Bethungra, 33 bales at 8d; M'L, from Moree, 20 bales at 8d; 1 B over Trundle, 65 bales at 8½d.

In scoured, 7 bales, EG reversed over Pioneer Farm, dry, bright, of good colour, sold at 15d, and 6 bales, P&J over B in triangle over Maryvale, of good colour, but slightly burry, brought 14½d.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The wool sales were continued to-day, when the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Melbourne, brought forward a catalogue of about 4400 bales, which included a fine selection of New South Wales clips. There was very spirited competition, and nearly the whole catalogue was cleared. The market remained firm at late rates. Greasy sold up to 10d and scoured to 17½d. Among the principal sales were:—Grea y: Chah Sing, from Moulamein, first combing at 10d, broken at 7½d, bellies at 5½d; Jandra, from Bourke, first lambs at 8d; Pinnacle, from Grenfell, first combing at 8½d, first crossbred at 8½d; Wiralong, from Cobar, first combing at 7½d, first pieces at 7d; triangle, from Methoura, ewes at 8½d; Eversham, from Mitchell district (Queensland), A hoggets at 8½d, A ewes at 7½d; M'Kg. and Co. over Derribong, from Dandaloo, first combing at 8½d, first pieces at 7½d, bellies at 5½d; Eyre, from Dandaloo, super wethers at 9½d, first pieces at 7½d; DKPCo over Kilfera, from Ivanhoe, first combing at 7½d, bellies at 5½d. Scoured: Jandra, from Bourke, first combing at 17½d, pieces at 15½d.

HAIR, HORNS, AND BONES.

The Sydney Wool-selling Brokers' Association (Australasian Mortgage and Agency Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited, Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Wyly, Trenchard, and Co., and J. C. Young and Co.) report:—

Hair, Horns, and Bones.—Moderate supplies were available. The market for hair was fairly firm. Shank bones were depressed. Glue pieces, although in good demand, did not quite reach late quotations. Horns were in request at firm rates, one small line, averaging 46oz., made 1s 8d each, a record price. Quotations:—Horsehair, tail 18d to 20¼d per lb., short and mixed 12d to 16½d, mane 9d to 10½d, curled, &c., 2d to 4½d; cowhair, 9d to 11½d, washed at 12d to 12½d; stump, 4d to 8½d; shanks, round (nominal) £6 10s to £7 10s per ton, flat £4 5s to £4 10s, mixed £4 5s to £5 10s, inferior £3 15s to £4, sheep at £3 15s; hoofs, £1 10s to £2 12s 6d; common bones at £3 5s; knuckles £3 10s to £3 12s 6d; glue pieces, £10 to £13 5s; inferior, £8 to £9 5s; dehaired, £10 10s to £21 10s; fleshings, £6 to £7 10s; sinews, £19 to £19 7s 6d; tendons, £18 to £18 10s; horns, extra large, 46s to 48s per 100; large, 35s to 40s; medium, 25s to 32s 6d; small to medium, 7s 6d to 22s 6d; tips, 4s to 6s; perished, from 1s. Beeswax 12d to 12½d per lb.

MAITLAND FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the fat stock sales held at Campbell's Hill to-day the prices realised were:—Best yards of bullocks, £5 15s to £6 5s; good, £4 15s to £5 10s; light and medium, £3 10s to £4 8s; cows, best, £3 15s to £4 8s; others, £2 12s to £3 11s. Calves: Prime vealers, 39s to 45s; good, 30s to 37s; medium, 18s 6d to 26s; others from 10s. Sheep: Best crossbred wethers, 14s 10d; good, 12s 6d to 13s; ewes, 10s 1d to 12s; merino wethers, best, 12s 9d to 13s 6d; good, 11s to 11s 6d; others, 10s to 10s 6d; ewes, best, 10s 9d to 10s 11d; others, 7s 6d to 9s 6d; lambs, 7s 6d to 8s, shorn wethers, 7s to 7s 9d. Fat and store pigs: Best baconers, 32s 6d to 36s; good, 24s 6d to 30s; porkers, 17s to 22s 6d; stores and slips, from 4s 6d to 12s 6d.

The Arabs have a superstition that the stork has a human heart. When one of these birds builds its nest on a housetop, they believe the happiness of that household is insured for a year.

MINING INTELLIGENCE.

Only about the same numbers of mining stocks were dealt in yesterday as on the previous day. There was a decidedly better tone in Western Australian gold shares, due to an improvement on the London Exchange. Wallsend had stronger buyers, but other coal companies were without any material change in values. B. H. Proprietary and Mount Lyell, amongst silver mines, were firmer, whilst Overflow fetched weaker rates. The only appreciable alteration in local gold ventures was another falling off in Mount David shares. Victorian companies were neglected, and Queenslanders had but little attention. Amongst Western Australian ventures there was good improvement in values of Associated Gold Mines, Great Boulder Proprietary, Great Boulder Main Reef, Ivanhoe, Kalgurli Gold Mines, Kalgurli South, and Lake View South. Mount Bischoff, tin, sold at £30 4s.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	—	24/
Stockton	3/	3/7
Vale of Cl'ydd	4/10	6/
Wallsend	20/10	20/15
Wickham and Bullock Island	—	8/
Ditto, preferential, £1 paid	22/	—
TIN.		
Elsmore Valley	4/	6/
COPPER.		
Cobar Chesney	—	12/
Ditto, con.	—	9/
Girilambone	—	7/
Girilambone "A"	9d	1/
Gooranjam	—	1/
Lake George Mines	9d	—
North Nymagee	—	7d
SILVER.		
New South Wales.		
Broken Hill Proprietary	44/	—
North Central	—	2½d
B. H. South	—	13/
Ditto, con.	—	12/
Overflow	3/	3/2
Ditto, con.	—	2/6
Tasmania.		
Mount Lyell	6/17/	7/1/
North Mount Lyell	44/	—
GOLD.		
New South Wales.		
Avoca Reefs	9d	1/3
Baker's Creek Console	—	2/10
Cobar Great Western	—	4/
Dromedary	—	4/4
Falkner's	—	7/
Mount David paid	5/11	6/1
Mount Drysdale	—	2/9
Occidental	4/4	5/
Peak Hill, pd.	—	2/9
Sunlight	2/	4/6
Victory Forest Reefs	1/9	—
West Sunlight	—	2/
Ditto, con.	—	1/
VICTORIA.		
South German Extended	5/6	—
Star of the East	—	17/
QUEENSLAND.		
Brilliant Block, paid	—	10/3
Brilliant Extended, pd.	—	6/
Mt. Morgan	99/	5/0/
No. 1 North Oriental and Glanmire	19/6	21/6
No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire	6/	6/4
No. 6 North Phoenix	2/5	—
Oriental and Columbia Consolidated	1/6	1/10
Ditto, con.	7d	8d
Phoenix Extended, con.	1½d	3d
Ditto South, con.	—	8d
South Great Eastern No. 1	14/3	14/7½
Ditto No. 3	—	1/7
Victoria G.M. Association	—	6/6
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.		
Associated	98/6	99/
Brookman's Boulder	14/	18/
Brown Hill Central	10d	—
Chaffer's	3/3	5/
Great Boulder	18/10½	19/
Ditto, Main Reef	20/	24/
Gt. Boulder Perseverance	71/6	75/
Hainault	22/6	—
Hannan's Pride of the Valley, con.	2½d	4d
Ivanhoe	6/12/	6/13
Ivanhoe So'th Extended	2/11	—
Ivanhoe Junction	11d	—
Kalgurli	6/13/	6/17/
Kalgurli South	33/	35/
Lake View Consols	10/4 6	10/12/6
Queensland Menzies, pd.	—	12/
Queen Margaret	10/	13/

The following sales were reported:—Before 'Change—Gold: Lake View Consols, £9 14s 9d. Morning—Silver: Overflow, contributing, 2s 9d. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 6s 4½d; No. 6 North Phoenix, 2s 6d; No. 2 North Oriental and Glanmire, 6s 2d; Associated Gold Mines, 95s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 18s 7½d, 19s. Noon:—Tin: Mount Bischoff, £30 4s. Silver: B. H. Proprietary, 44s 6d, 44s 6d; Overflow, 3s 2d, 3s 1d; ditto, contributing, 2s 6d, 2s 7d. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 5s 11d, 5s 8d; North Columbia Extended No. 1, contributing, 4d; Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, contributing, 7d; Associated Gold Mines, 97s 6d, 98s. Afternoon:—Copper: Girilambone A, 11d. Gold: Mount David, paid up, 5s 11d; Associated Gold Mines, £5, 99s 3d, 99s; Great Boulder Proprietary, 19s.

After the last meeting of the Exchange the following sales were reported:—Tin: Mount Bischoff, £30. Gold: Oriental and Columbia Consolidated, contributing, 8d; Associated Gold Mines, 99s, 98s 6d, 98s 3d, 99s 6d, £5 0s 3d, £5 0s 6d, 99s 6d.

The legal manager of the Mount David G. M. Company, No Liability, Rockley, yesterday received the following telegram from the mine manager:—"Lifted 135oz. of amalgam yesterday."

Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Company report the sale of 47 tons 19cwt. of Great Cobar copper at £50 per ton for the copper, and the usual prices for gold and silver contents. A cablegram received from London quoted Chili copper bars at £54 per ton at three months.

MOUNT LYELL COMPANY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, reports that from September 22 to October 19 a total quantity of 16,559 tons of ore was treated, being 14,888 tons from the open cuts, assaying—Copper, 2·97 per cent.; silver, 3·06oz. to the ton; gold, ·132oz. to the ton.

From underground 1671 tons were treated, assaying—Copper, 4·36 per cent.; silver, 13·2oz.; gold, ·066oz.

The converters have produced during the same period 434 tons of blister copper, containing—Copper, 429 tons; silver, 66,715oz.; gold, 2189oz.

The preceding returns from August 25 to September 21, inclusive, were as follows:—A total quantity of 14,825 tons of ore has been treated, being 13,516 tons from the open cuts and 1309 tons from underground, the average assay value of the ore before treatment being:—

Copper: Open cuts, 2·76 per cent.; silver, 3·39oz.; gold, ·149oz.

Underground.—Copper, 4·38 per cent.; silver, 21·26oz.; gold, ·050.

The converters have produced during the same period 406 tons of blister copper, containing:—Copper, 400 tons; silver, 71,369oz.; gold, 2087oz.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MINING.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

The Bulong deep lead, Corry and party's claim, wherein good alluvial wash was struck at 106ft., have wash 18in. thick, but no fine gold in it. Up to the present only coarse slugs have been found. 120 claims have been pegged, and shafts are being sunk on all. No defined lead has yet been proved.

The crosscut east from the Associated Gold Mines, Australia main shaft is still in fair grade lode matter. The manager thinks that this cannot be the Australia East lode, although until more work has been done it is impossible to form an accurate idea. The long crosscut east from Tetley's shaft at the 200ft. level has now penetrated the Australia East lode for 12ft., the stone being worth 1½oz. to the ton. The ore is not wholly sulphide, bands of oxidised ore still being encountered. The manager expects to have the return to-morrow of the 1000 tons of telluride exported to Port Pirie in July last.

LAKE GEORGE MINES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It was intimated this morning that it was intended to resume operations at the Lake George Mines, Limited, Captain's Flat. The last three months smelting only gave a money return of some 23s per ton for the ore treated, which was not payable. In reply to inquiries it is officially stated that the intention to resume smelting operations is not due to any increase in the metallic contents of the lode, but to the fact that the cost of production has been considerably decreased, and it is now hoped that the can be smelted at a profit. The lode is an immense one, but ore of low grade.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

There were no sales to-day on the Queensland Exchange.

Brisbane Stock Exchange sales:—Mount Rose and Stockman Junction, 1s; Empress, 9½d; Minerva Underlay, paid, 7½d.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

The Junction mill treated last week 1800 tons of crudes, producing 330 tons of concentrates, bulking 22·6oz. silver, 61·7 per cent. lead, 8·1 per cent. zinc. Owing to an accident to the Raff wheel this plant was idle for 24 hours. Repairs have been completed, and the machinery is in thorough going order again. The despatches amounted to 87 tons concentrates, 68 tons crude sulphides to Dry Creek. M'Intyre's 625ft. south drive has been resumed, to be continued until a connection is made with the north drive from Brown's shaft. The 550ft. drive has also been resumed southward. This is to be extended some little distance, when a winze plat will be cut to allow for sinking. The general working stopes are without anything unusual.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales were:—Brilliant Extended, contributing, 4s 9d; ditto, paid, 5s 10d; Moonstone Towers Extended Block, contributing, 11½d, 10½d; Papuan, Brilliant, and Victoria, 5s 10½d; Victoria and Queen, contributing, 4s 8d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, paid, 4s 10½d, 4s 10d.

Crushings:—Moonstone Extended, 289 tons of stone for 659oz. gold; Moonstone Consols Block, 757 tons for 164oz.

COOLAMON, Thursday.

At the Cowabee Reefs mine there is enough water to last the batteries until Christmas. A party of men have taken up the abandoned claims near the reefs, and the men are now bailing out the old shafts.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—New Zealand No. 2 North, 5½d; Home Rule and Hilton, 4½d, 4½d; Lady Mary and New Zealand, 2½d; O'Donohue's Tribute, 2d; Oriental No. 1 South, 3s 5d; Oriental and Surprise, 7½d; Smithfield No. 3 North, 9s; Smithfield No. 4 North, 2s 9½d; Phoenix Western Tribute, 1s 9d.

To-night's quotations: Columbia Consolidated, contributing, seller 3s 7d, buyer 3s 4d; Great Eastern No. 1 North, seller 5s 4d, buyer 5s 1½d; Glanmire and Monkland, seller 17s 6d, buyer 14s 6d; Oriental No. 1 North, seller 20s 6d, buyer 20s; Golden Pile, seller 16s 1d, buyer 15s 9d.

HOBART, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange quotations were:—Comet, buyer 1s 11d, seller 2s 4d; Hercules, buyer 19s, seller 19s 9d; South Hercules, buyer 5d, seller 1s; Mount Black, seller 3s 9d; Mount Lyell, buyer £6 16s 6d, seller £7; Lyell Reserve, buyer 3s 3d, seller 3s 9d; Central Lyell, seller 1s 10d; Lyell Tharsis, buyer 17s 6d, seller 18s 3d; Crown Lyell, buyer 4s 3d; ditto, paid, buyer 5s; North Mount Lyell, buyer 43s 6d, seller 46s; Mount Reid, buyer 10s; Oonah, paid, seller 4s 3d.

LITHGOW, Thursday.

Ross and party at Native Dog Creek are down over 25ft. on a 4ft. reef, which prospects well. Three shafts are being sunk at the Sugar Loaf mine, Back Creek, and the prospects are said to be favourable. At Bunnamagoo the mill is running full time on what is stated to be good stone. At the local copper-refining works the water-jacket was again started this week for a short run on the slags.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Business on the Stock Exchange opened this morning with a much better tone for Australian mining companies dealt in on the London Exchange, and there was a strong recovery in prices of the principal stocks. Only moderate business was reported in most other stocks, and the changes in quotations were within moderate limits. B. H. Proprietary sold at 44s; North Broken, 4s 5d; Mount Lyell, £6 18s, £6 17s; North Mount Lyell, 44s, 44s 6d; Central Mount Lyell, 1s 7d, 1s 8d; Comet, 1s 11d, 2s; Crown Lyell, 4s 6d, 4s 3d; ditto, paid, 5s 5d; Great Southern Lyell, 7½d; Hercules, 19s 6d; Lyell Tharsis, 17s 9d; North Tasmania, 4s 6d, 5s; Oceana, 1s, 11d; Western Tharsis, 1s 4d; ditto, paid, 2s 1d; Kanowna, 1s 6d, 1s 3d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 20s 1½d; Ivanhoe, £6 10s, £6 16s; Associated Gold Mines, 97s, 102s; Hanlon's, 5s 6d; North Shaw, 2s 6d; M'Evoy, 5s; Garden Gully, 42s, 41s; Hustler's Reef, 4s 9d; New Chum Railway, 13s 3d; B. B. Quartz, 1s 4d; New Loch Fyne, 45s, 46s; Victor's Quartz, 8s 6d; Green Hill United, 4s 6d; Russell's Reef, 8s 3d, 7s 9d; South German, £6, £6 1s; Beehive and German Consolidated, paid, 9s 2d; Great Southern Chiltern Valley, 20s.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The Daisy claim, which adjoins Bolte's Lucknow on the north, is down 350ft., with every indication of rich ore being struck. Several interests in this claim have changed hands during the week. The Treasure and Brilliant Company, on the Mallee Bull line, is down 430ft. Good stone carrying free gold is being raised. The Hampden Company, on the same line, has 25 tons of ore paddocked. Flannery and party, tributors on the Currajong mine, are raising excellent stone, a parcel of which is being treated at Sully's works.

WHITE CLIFFS, Thursday.

To-day Messrs. Woods, Lucey, and Doyle, tributors on Block four, sold a parcel of 180oz. of opal from the 20ft. level for £280.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—B.H. South, 12s, buyer 12s; Associated Gold Mines, 97s 6d, 98s 6d, 97s 3d, £5 2s, 99s 6d, £5 0s 6d, buyer 65, seller £5 1s; Hannan's Block 45, 4s, 4s 2d, buyer 4s 2d, seller 4s 3d; Boulder Central, 5s 9d, 5s, buyer 1s 11d, seller 5s; Chaffer's, 3s 8d, 3s 6d, buyer 3s 5d, seller 3s 6d; Great Boulder, 19s 6d, 19s 1½d, 19s 10½d, buyer 19s 9d, seller 20s; Boulder Main Reef, 20s 6d, 20s 9d, buyer 20s 9d, seller 21s; Boulder Perseverance, 70s, 73s, buyer 72s, seller 73s; Hainault, 23s 6d, buyer 24s, seller 25s; Hannan's Central Extended, 8½d; Hannan's Oroya, 12s 3d, buyer 12s, seller 12s 6d; Imperial Boulder, 10d, 10½d; Ivanhoe, £6 12s, £6 16s, £6 15s, £6 17s, buyer £6 16s, seller £6 18s; Ivanhoe South Extended, 3d, 3s 11d, 4s, buyer 3s 9d, seller 3s 11d; Ivanhoe Junction, 10d, 11½d; Kalgoorlie Bank of England, 17s 6d, 18s, 17s 6d, buyer 17s, seller 18s; Kalgoorlie Mint, 8s 6d, 8s 3d, 8s 9d, 8s 5d, buyer 8s 1½d, seller 8s 6d; Lady Mary, 10s 3d, 10s 1½d, buyer 10s, seller 10s 2d; Lake View Consols, £10 2s, £10 3s, buyer £10 4s; Lake View South, paid, 15s 3d, 15s 6d, 14s 9d, buyer 14s 9d, seller 15s; Midas, 4d; North Kalgurli, 16s 6d, buyer 15s 9d, seller 16s; No. 1 North Norseman, 1s 1½d, buyer 1s 1d, seller 1s 2d; Premier, 9s, 9s 6d, buyer 9s 6d, seller 9s 9d; Queen Margaret, 9s 10d, buyer 9s 6d, seller 10s; South Kalgurli, 34s 6d, 33s, buyer 33s, seller 33s 6d.

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MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Kohinoor Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Parkes, October 22.—400ft. level: Still rising on fair stone. In 350ft. level contractors have completed their contract; a make of stone about 15in. wide has come in in the end, but its value has not yet been determined. In the 450ft. level average stone is being broken. Raised 50 tons, crushed 120 tons. Banked 154oz. amalgam.

North Central Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability, week ended October 22.—South drive at 700ft. level, total 331ft. from crosscut; no change. North drive at 550ft. level, total 262½ft. from shaft; there is no perceptible change.

Tharsis Consols Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Tasmania.—Tunnel has reached 155ft., cut through hanging wall of lode at 150ft.; lode material showing in face is of grey schist, carrying a large amount of iron and copper pyrites and occasional bunches of quartz, carrying copper and arsenite. Will have to drive 30ft. further across lode formation before reaching main ore body.

Broken Hill Proprietary Block 14 Company, Limited, October 19.—Intermediate level, between 100ft. and 200ft. levels: Winze in section 4 sunk to 24ft.; now completed. 300ft. level: North-west drive in section 6, total 85ft.; in good sulphide ore; north-east drive in section 6, total 118ft.; little carbonate ore showing on west side of drive. 350ft. level: Winze in section 2 sunk to 30ft., in mullock. Stopped sinking owing to increase of water, and will rise against it. 400ft. level: Winze in section 3 sunk to 29ft.; very hard. 500ft. level: Plat and pentnouse completed. Stoping carried on as usual at 200ft., 300ft., and 400ft. levels, and mill supplied with required ore. Ore despatched for week, 365 tons. Port Adelaide smelting returns, week ended October 20.—Ore treated: Carbonate, 163 tons; sulphide, 723 tons; producing 265 tons bullion, containing 19,455oz. silver.

Chillagoe Railway and Mines, Limited, Mareeba, October 7.—Completed 28,000 yards centre cuttings, 10,000 yards side cuttings, 400 cubic yards of concrete, 1500 yards inlets, outlets, and foundations, 700 yards side ditching, 200ft. bridge work. In about a fortnight anticipate all the cuttings between here and the 16-Mile will be completed, also the embankments. Cutting of sleeper blocks proceeding satisfactorily, and a considerable quantity stacked along the line. Telegraph line clearing completed, and about 30 miles of line erected. At the mine good progress is being made with the various shafts and tunnels, all of the work being done on contract.

Corowa Deep Lead, October 21.—Bottomed with cylinder on Tuesday, and since forced it down 18in. into the rock. Washed several prospects off bottom, and obtained colours in each. Shall shift pump into cylinder to-day. The prospects which were washed are spoken of by experts as indicating the near approach to gutter.

North Tasmania Mining Company, No Liability, Beaconsfield, October 19.—Winze from 250ft. connected with 320ft. level; lode throughout is well defined, and has shown a little free gold. West level, 250ft., in hard country; stone on footwall 4in. wide. East level at 320ft., total 92ft. from crosscut; have seen a little gold. Main shaft, total 320ft. from surface; cut crosscourse in shaft. The last 20 tons of ore shipped to Smelting Company of Australia, Limited, Dapto, realised equal to £6 12s per ton net.

Star of the East, Ballarat, week ended October 21.—1500ft. level, main rise up 312ft., lode 20in., without change. 1100ft. level: Rise is 120ft. above back, carrying 4ft. of fair quality stone. North drive off rise is 20ft.; lode 8ft., and continues to wear a good appearance, showing very fair gold. South main drive is distant 330ft., lode small. Extended west crosscut in all 305ft.; passed through several quartz veins; now in clean country. Connecting winze down 42ft.; anticipate reaching lode next week; no alteration to refer to in quality of stone.

South Hercules, Tasmania, week ended October 17.—No. 2 adit: South drive at 480ft. level from approach advanced 56ft.; commenced to open out here to crosscut west; put in a 5ft. bore hole through schist. Rise up, total 18ft. from crown of drive. Country as last reported.

South Star, Sebastopol, week ended October 21.—25 0ft. level: 18ft. added to length of east crosscut, full length 110ft. Country sandstone, with small bars of slate intervening; water running freely from back. 2375ft. level: East crosscut in 104ft.; country clean, with numerous quartz veins at all angles. 2250ft. level: Full length of north drive, 30ft.; stone on footwall well mineralised and indicates greater dimensions. Western workings maintaining usual output quartz.

United Brothers Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Glen Wills, October 17.—No. 2 level: Total, 78ft.; apparently through the shoot. No. 3 level, block 3 south: Stopes 6, 7, and 8 extended 40ft.; lode averages 21in., payable. No. 4 level, south drive: Lode 12in., showing fair gold; north drive, lode 12in., also fair gold; south stopes Nos. 1 and 2, lode averages 2ft., payable. Sent to mill 170 tons for week.

Victory (Charters Towers) Gold-mining Company, Limited, fortnight ended October 15.—No. 3 shaft: Underlie, total from No. 7 level 131ft.; carries 6in. to 10in. fair stone. No. 7 level: Total 94ft.; face shows 8in. stone. Stopes over this level 6in. to 15in., fair quality stone. No. 8 level: Stopes carry 6in. to 14in., good quality. Rise from crosscut, total 30ft.; carries 10in. stone. Reef over No. 5 level, 10in., poor quality. Winze in No. 2 east, total 48ft.; reef in bottom 12in. Raised 11½ tons. No. 4 shaft: Total 664ft.; timbered 117½ft.

Sounding Rock Gold-mining Company, Abercrombie River.—Found way into deep ground on river side, so it will not be necessary to cut through sandstone bar. Length of race from bank to deep shaft 190ft., 170ft. of which is through wash 20ft. to 32ft. deep. Have put cutting into this and still with strong wash under foot. It prospects all through fully up to expectations.

North Nymagee Copper-mining Company, No Liability, week ended October 15.—No. 1 shaft, total 28ft.; no change. Contract to 300ft. level will be finished early next week, when shall commence to open out. No. 2 shaft: Present depth 268½ft. No. 3 shaft, total 52ft.; the lode appears to be opening out.

Band of Hope and Albion Consols, No Liability, Ballarat, October 22.—Winze below 1900ft. level, total 178ft. Cutting back for opening set of chamber.

New Royal Standard Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Stewart's Brook, week ended October 22.—New pump fitted in shaft and working satisfactorily. Stopes carrying stone of usual quality.

No. 1 Curtin and Davis, Tasmania, October 20.—Part of week in stopes; lode variable, showing 3 to 4 in. tabl ore for about 20ft. Marketable ore on hand, 6 tons first-class and 5 tons of seconds.

Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Limited, week ended October 19.—Smelting plant No. 1: Beginning made with erection of sixth No. 7 blower; all furnaces in operation. Smelting plant No. 2: Blast furnace No. 8 started on the 18th; both Nos. 7 and 8 in operation. Work in connection with the remainder of furnaces well advanced. Converter plant: New machinery all received; 5303 tons blister copper consigned to date, being 257 tons for the current half-year.

New Normanby, Ballarat, October 21.—Stopes show plenty stone fair quality. 1100ft. south, drive opening up strong body stone, showing gold. Indicator veins south strong, little gold. Yield, 227oz. 7dwt. gold from 705 tons stone.

North Woah Hawp, Ballarat, October 21.—Shaft total below plat 30ft. 870ft., drives N. and S. in fair quality stone. Stope and rise in good body of payable stone. 770ft., stopes S. end looking fair. Crushed 508 tons stone for 241oz. 8dwt. gold.

South Hanlon, Rokewood, October 21.—E. drive in 140ft. Put up No. 4 bore; went through 22ft. wash 5ft. above back of this, showing that wash is running level the last 20ft.; started to rise in this drive; got one fine colour out of No. 4 bore.

Victory Forest Reefs G. M. Company, Orange, October 22.—Drive from No. 1 north, total 100ft. There is a marked improvement in the wash now being crushed, most of it coming from south stopes.

Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10 Company, Limited, week ended October 19.—Campbell's shaft—715ft. level: Crosscut driven 16ft. parallel with the south-eastern boundary, total distance from plat 97½ft.; face of crosscut now in lode material, but not of a payable character at present. 615ft. level: Winze east of shaft, total depth 23ft.; ore payable, but extremely hard. Stopes south of shaft show very little change; assays give 15·7oz. silver, 19 per cent. lead, 23·5 per cent. zinc. Those east of shaft give 17·5oz. silver, 16·4 per cent. lead, 19·8 per cent. zinc. Kelly's shaft—715ft. level: Still engaged blasting out western side of south drive; assays give 15oz. silver, 15·2 per cent. lead, 22·7 per cent. zinc. Stopes in back of level give 15·1oz. silver, 18·8 per cent. lead, 22·5 per cent. zinc. 615ft. level: North stopes producing ores assaying 15·1oz. silver, 20·3 per cent. lead, 28·8 per cent. zinc. Those south give 16·5oz. silver, 22·9 per cent. lead, and 25·3 per cent. zinc. 515ft. level: North stopes give 11·9oz. silver, 22·5 per cent. lead, 24 per cent. zinc. Those south give 15·8oz. silver, 18 per cent. lead, 24·5 per cent. zinc. 415ft. level: Western stopes producing ores assaying 18·7oz. silver, 14 per cent. lead, 23·8 per cent. zinc. Those south-east give 13·4oz. silver, 21·4 per cent. lead, 26·4 per cent. zinc. 415ft. level: South-east stopes yielding ores assaying 14·5oz. silver, 22·6 per cent. lead, 25·3 per cent. zinc. Those north give 21oz. silver, 17·2 per cent. lead, 23·2 per cent. zinc. 315ft. level: Winze is down 23ft.; bottom in sulphide, assaying 18·1oz. silver, 29·9 per cent. lead, 27·5 per cent. zinc. Extension of tunnel has been completed, and mullock now being sent into the mine through the old mullock pass. Concentration: In consequence of an accident in Campbell's shaft we have not been able to keep the mill fully supplied. The plant treated 2985 tons crude ore, assaying 15·37oz. silver, 19·63 per cent. lead, and 24·01 per cent. zinc, producing 419 tons 1cwt. concentrates, assaying 33·56oz. silver, 66·59 per cent. lead, and 7·06 per cent. zinc. Ore despatched: 2·88 tons 11cwt. 1qr. gross. Concentrates on hand: 861 tons 17cwt. 3qr.

Ballarat of New South Wales Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Orange October 22.—Rock not so hard to bore and shots better. Water eased considerably. Chamber almost completed, size 10ft. by 10ft. by 8ft.

Broken Hill Junction North Mining Company, Limited.—Main shaft: Crosscut at 350ft. has reached 145ft. from shaft. A drill hole has been kept in advance of the drive some 6ft. to prove the width of the lode and tap the water. The drive at present shows a good clean face of sulphides of good milling character. 750ft. level: Stopes in back of level being carried north from main winze as high as fifth and sixth floors in faces of good ore for 25ft. wide. Stopes also being carried south from crosscut for about 15ft. wide in good face of compact sulphide of fair character for milling. 640ft. level: There is improvement in stopes in back of level, ore broken being more free from rhodonite. The portion of lode being carried forward 12ft. wide shows a nice face of milling sulphide. The hanging-wall part of this stope, which has been rather heavy, is now being taken up with timber and will be filled with mullock. In the course of a few days we shall be able to put more men on to work in this stope. As far as can be seen, the stopes throughout are in fair working order. Ore hauled to mill for week, 980 tons. For the week ended October 19, mill treated 928 tons sulphide ore, producing 210 tons first concentrates, assaying 48 per cent. lead, 32·2oz. silver per ton, and 7·6 per cent. zinc.

Broken Hill South Silver-mining Company, No Liability October 22.—725ft. west crosscut, off south drive, main shaft: Total 35ft. from footwall; lode now 30ft. wide, of good milling material, with no signs of any hanging-wall. New drive started about 12ft. east of main shaft to drive north on ore body exposed in plat. Drives during week 6ft. in good milling sulphides; has every appearance of being very strong body of ore. 625ft. south drive, off north stope, main shaft: Total 51ft.; face becomes little more mixed as it goes further south. 525ft.: Intermediate stopes without change; the different faces continue to look well. 625ft.: No. 1 stope north is being worked on the different floors, yielding fair quantities of good milling ore. 625ft.: No. 4 stope south still continues to be worked on sill and second floors, and is returning large quantities of good grade material. Hauling shaft, 525ft.: No. 2 stope south without change. The stopes generally are in good condition. Ore raised during period under review, 1619 tons, and in conjunction with 449 tons from slimes and slimes dumps, under treatment by jiggers and buddles, gave 467 tons concentrates and 688 tons slimes. Assay value of concentrates, 65·6 per cent. lead, 12oz. silver, and 9·3 per cent. zinc.

North Broken Hill Silver-mining Company, No Liability October 22.—700ft. level, drive south, total from main crosscut 56ft.; passed through small pocket of ore, but face at present somewhat mixed. 640ft. level from Junction North boundary, total 46ft. from boundary; there is a very strong-looking lode of second-grade ore showing here; have opened out a winze plat, and about to start to sink to 700ft. level; about 23ft. should take us down. No change in 500ft. level; stopes still maintaining their output of crude ore for milling purposes. Plant running full time (two shifts) less big jigs 10 hours. Mill treated 520 tons crude ore, producing 108 tons concentrates, assaying 67·4 per cent. lead, 10oz. silver, and 8·2 per cent. zinc. 97 tons 5cwt. bagged concentrates despatched to Port Adelaide, leaving balance of about 890 tons on local ore floors.

Girilambone Copper-mining Company, No Liability, week ended October 21.—Main shaft, present depth 544ft. There remain about 25ft. to timber, after which the cutting of the plat will be proceeded with at 520ft. level. 500ft. level, winze extended 6ft. Slaty formation with seams of ore. No change of any importance in any other part of the mine. Smelted 90 tons of ore for 6 tons of copper. Concentrating plant only worked intermittently, owing to the scarcity of water.

Mount David Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Rockley, week ending October 22.—Winze 100ft. level: Crosscut east 13ft. for week, cut small vein 9ft. from opening, carrying good gold; at 12ft. cut strong body of quartz carrying gold; driven 4ft. into same, not yet through; grain of stone nearly vertical. Crosscut east in 100ft. level north of winze. Driven 29ft., last 20ft. in quartz and slate, quartz carrying gold; it looks like back of new formation. 70ft. level: North drive, No. 2 winze, total 37ft., stone in two laps 4ft. in thickness over all, worth 15dwt per ton. South drive in winze, total 58ft. from No. 4 shoot; stone 18in. thick, worth 1oz. to ton. No. 3 winze, 45ft. north of No. 2, sunk 10ft.; vein broken up and thrown east. Drillings for week 154lb., yield 1dwt., retorted gold.

Queen Margaret Gold-mining Company, Limited, Bulong (by telegram), October 22.—300ft. level: West crosscut in 162ft. from hanging wall; south drive in 408ft. Twenty head of stamps running on Queen Margaret and Melbourne United ore. Main shaft down 325ft.; very little progress been made here owing to erection of poppet heads.

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BEARD.—The Friends of the late Mrs. EPHRAIM BEARD are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, New South Head-road, Double Bay, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at quarter to 1 o'clock, to Necropolis.
CHAS. KINSELA, Funeral Director, Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst, 61 Oxford-street, Paddington.

M'CARTHY.—The Friends of the late Mr. PATRICK M'CARTHY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral, which will move from his late residence, No. 476 Darling-road, Balmain, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis, via Mortuary station.
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THE Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. SMITH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved DAUGHTER, Essie Vera, which will leave their residence, 97 Wyndham-street, Alexandria, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the C. of E. Cemetery, Rookwood. A. J. JACKSON, Undertaker and Embalmer, 203 Regent-st.

FOLEY.—The Friends of the late DENIS FRANCIS FOLEY are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from the residence of his uncle, Mr. B. W. Foley, Kierra Villa, Carrington-road, Randwick, THIS FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m., to Redfern station, thence by 1.30 p.m. train to Wollongong.
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FOLEY.—The Friends of Mrs. E. W. FOLEY, of Springvale, Candelo, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved SON, Denis Francis; to move from the residence of Mr. B. W. Foley, Kierra Villa, Carrington-road, Randwick, THIS FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m., to Redfern station, thence to Wollongong.

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ALEXANDER.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS SHERMAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved BROTHER and BROTHER-IN-LAW, Emanuel Abraham; to leave the residence of his parents, 85 Regent-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., and from the Mortuary at 2.25. L. Samuels.

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Meetings.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourth Annual General MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 2 Alma-chambers, M'Henry-street, Adelaide, on MONDAY, October 31st, 1898, at 2 o'clock p.m.
1. To receive the Directors' and Mine Manager's Report and Balance-sheet.
2. To elect two Directors. Messrs. John Bosworth and W. J. S. Stacey retire under the Articles of Association, and, being eligible for re-election, offer themselves accordingly.
3. To elect an Auditor. Mr. Wm. Brindall is eligible, and offers himself for re-election.
4. To transact any other ordinary business.
By order of the Board. HENRY CHEWINGS, Secretary.

THE CIVIL AMBULANCE AND TRANSPORT BRIGADE OF N.S.W.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special MEETING of the Members (subscribers and life-members) will be held THIS EVENING, at 8 o'clock, in Room No. 15, Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, Sydney. Convened by resolution of the General Committee.
Business according to Circular.
JAMES SCOTT, Hon. Secretary. October 28, 1898.

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WANTED, respectable GIRL, to assist in housework, 1s a week. 22 Croydon-rd., Croydon.

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WANTED, Mother and Dtr., or Two Friends, stn.; Gens., stns.; Cook, 20s, Bowral. Mrs. Cox, 126 Str'd.

WANTED, experienced Groom and Coachman, £1, references. Hittmann, 87 Imperial Arcade.

WANTED, GENERAL, good cook and laundress. Apply 27 Trafalgar-st., Annandale.

WANTED, GIRL, for housework, two children. Apply 187 Miller-st., N. S.

WANTED, GIRL, assist, two family, good wages, sleep home. 59 Druitt-st., next Town Hall.

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WANTED, a LAD about 15, to deliver newspapers, wages and board. D. Sant, Alison-rd., Randwick.

WANTED, a smart young PANTRY MAID, with references. Apply before 11, 346 George-st.

WANTED, smart Lad as Buttons, about 13 or 14 years of age. Apply with refs., Garratt's Hotel, Market-st.

WANTED, young Girl as General; must be competent and used hotel. Dry Dock Hotel, Cameron-st., Bal.

WANTED, first-class shirt IRONER, 1s 9d dozen; also Stch. Ironer, const. Dorothea, Belgrave-st., Manly.

WANTED, General SERVANT, at once. Zetland Hotel, Bourke-st., Waterloo.

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WANTED, a GIRL for general work, refs., sleep home. 107 Fitzroy-st., Moore Park.

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WANTED, smart Girl as General SERVANT. 131 Elizabeth-st.

WANTED, respectable young Girl as GENERAL. Onua, 13 Prospect-st., Summer Hill.

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WANTED, a strong tidy GIRL, for housework, with children. 22 Old Canterbury-rd., Summer Hill.

WANTED, smart Girls, good scholars. Standard Steam Laundry, 18 William-st., 5 William-st., Waverley.

WANTED, a good General SERVANT. Captain Cook Hotel, Moore Park.

WANTED, General Servant. Apply after 1 a.m., Campbell-st., Paddington, off Glenmore-rd.

WANTED, a little GIRL, about 13, to help about house. At once. 1 Rose-st., Darlington.

WANTED, a good GENERAL, ref. 109 Macleay-st.

WANTED, respectable elderly Person for working man's f., small wages, g. home. Mrs. Reid, Chalmers.

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WANTED, respect. Girl or middle-aged Woman as General. Mrs. Cavanagh, Cary-st., Drummoyne.

WANTED, young MAN, garden, groom, milk, handy. H. E. Pratten, Wharf-rd., Leichhardt.

WANTED, respectable, trustworthy GIRL, charge of child 4), refrences. 2 Albert-st., Potts Point.

WANTED, 2 respectable GIRLS, one as Kitchenmaid, the other as General. Apply 27 Oxford-st.

WANTED, competent House and Parlour MAID, for station, at Armidale. Wilford, Merlin-st., St. Leon.

WANTED, respectable thorough General, good wages. Mrs. Lloyd, Callan Park Hospital.

WANTED, young Girl as NURSE, and assist in house work. Mrs. Vivian, Pendarlies Gosse-st., W'hra.

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WANTED, experienced House and Parlour MAID. Apply Cramer, 91 Phillip-st., city.

WANTED, young GIRL, 16, light housework, sleep home. 40 Australia-st., Newtown.

WANTED, GIRL, 15, useful, clean, fond of children, parents or refs. 270 King-st., Newtown.

WANTED, General Servant, mid aged pref., 11s bus. Mrs. Stevens, Campbelltown, East Esplanade, Manly.

WANTED, a resp. GIRL, to make herself gen. useful, about 17, sleep home. Apply 21 Queen-st., Glebe.

WANTED, an elderly Man as Kitchenman, accustomed to restaurant. 276 King-st., Newtown.

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WANTED, experienced General SERVANT, refs. required. 31 Lachlan-rd., Glebe Pt., tram term.

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WANTED, Gens., all subs., 10s, 12s; Cooks, city, 18s, 20s; Cook and Laundresses, subs.; H. and P. Maids, 12s, 14s; Laundress, Summer Hill, £1; Nurse and N'woman; others. Mrs. COX, 126 Strand.

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